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evised forecasts on world trade cast gloom on Britain's recovery plans

plans to overcome its economic problems through d expansion have received a setback with evidence casts of an early recovery in world trade have been nistic. Leading economic officials in Washington now that the forecasts must be put back at least six months. They blame the time lag on sluggish demand in the United States, West Germany and Japan. It is now estimated that the Western industrial countries will have a balance of payments surplus this year of $10,000m (£4,760m) instead of the forecast small deficit.

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This surplus compares with forecasts of a bare balance or even a small deficit given in the July *Economic Outlook* of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and in this week's opening address to the International Monetary Fund's annual meeting by Mr H. Johannes Witteveen, the fund's managing director.

Officials here are so worried about the implications of these new payments estimates that Dr Otmar Emminger, of the West German Federal Bank, the chairman of OECD's working party No 3, has cancelled a press conference tomorrow at which the figures would normally be revealed.

Mr Denis Healey, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, has this week refrained from specific criticism of West Germany, Japan and the United States, to whom he even paid tribute for the earliest effective reflation. But he is well aware that every month by which the recovery of the stronger economies is postponed extends the period of high unemployment in Britain during which, according to his strategy, London will be waiting for export-led recovery. Any measurable upturn in Britain before the end of 1976 now looks most unlikely.

The biggest change is in the United States, where a surplus on current account this year of $10,000m (£4,760m) is now expected, compared with earlier forecasts of a mere $3,000m surplus.

The current balances of Canada and of the EEC are each expected to be stronger by $1,000m, though Britain is still estimated to have a deficit in 1975 of nearly $4,000m.

These figures, which are to be discussed tomorrow at a high-level meeting of the OECD's working party No 3, are disputed by West German and Japanese officials, who still maintain that adequate reflation has been injected into their economies and that their imports from the rest of the world will pick up fast during the rest of the year.

American officials, however, point out that $5,000m of the revision is due to reduced oil imports, mainly by the United States, and that another $2,000m of the revision is due to higher exports to the oil-producing countries.

Neither of these changes, American economists maintain, can be said to be exporting recession. But the fact remains that on present trends the non-oil producing non-industrial majority of the world's economies are now faced with a current deficit of almost $40,000m. They are quite unable to finance this kind of imbalance.

These states are therefore being driven to restrict even further their imports of manufactured goods either by direct controls or by extra deflation of their already faltering economies. This only increases the difficulty of weaker industrial countries like Britain, IMF officials feel.

In the end the only possible counterpart to the expected continuing large surpluses of the oil-producing countries ($45,000m this year and $40,000m next year) is a comparable deficit in those industrial countries which have large reserves and strong currencies.

The choice lies between this coming about through cumulative recession of the world economy, with a complete recession of spending power in the weaker economies, or it coming about through expansion in the strong countries, leading to recovery in the weaker economies.

Police name wanted Irish woman terrorist

By David Leigh
and Clive Borrell

An Irish woman terrorist, still active in England, was described yesterday by Commander Roy Habershon, head of Scotland Yard's bomb squad, as "probably the most dangerous and active woman terrorist operating over here", as he issued a public appeal for information.

The arrest of Miss Margaret McKearney, aged 21, from co Tyrone, was a matter of urgency, Scotland Yard said. She carried explosives and money between England and Ireland and had been involved in last winter's London bombings and shootings, which led to a policeman's murder. She had also been involved with terrorist activities in Southampton last December, when two policemen were wounded.

As recently as this July she had been one of those involved in terrorism in Manchester and Liverpool. Three policemen had been wounded there, five terrorists had been caught, and a large find of explosives, arms and ammunition had been made.

Miss Ellen Mary Margaret McKearney is 5 ft 3 in tall, blue-eyed with a trim figure and well shaped legs. She has brown hair, which has sometimes been dyed blonde or hidden under wigs of a different colour.

She has appeared in Southampton, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow, renting furnished rooms, sometimes with a man accompanying her, sometimes alone. She used four false names: Anne Kirby, Mary Davitt, Mrs Reynolds and Patricia Cooling.

Photograph taken in republic: Miss McKearney's photograph (below) reached Scotland Yard from the Irish Republic on Wednesday night (the Press Association reports). "It was taken in Southern Ireland by an information source who seized a unique opportunity to snatch a quick picture", the police said.

The photographer, thought to be working for Scotland Yard's C11 criminal intelligence unit, took the photograph this week as Miss McKearney left a bar.

Three held: Three men detained in London early yesterday morning were later taken to Caterham police station, where last night they were being held in custody under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Altogether eight men were held in raids in south London made in connexion with the bombing of the Caterham Arms last week, when 33 people were injured.

Officers from Scotland Yard's bomb squad, Surrey CID, the regional crime squad and men from the Special Branch, many armed, took part in the raids. Five of the men detained were later released.

Several men were roused from their beds in the Penge area of south London, where last night police forensic scientists were looking for clues in connexion with the bombing at Caterham and three others last week in London.



Mr Arthur Koestler, the author, at his Kensington home yesterday. He is 70 today.

Anti-PLO protest as Queen opens debate

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

A demonstration in Parliament Square just before the Queen arrived at the House of Commons yesterday to open the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference called attention to a subject that was later to be debated by delegates from 75 countries at the conference in the Festival Hall.

A group of Jewish organizations paraded under the statue of Sir Winston Churchill, proclaiming: "We are ashamed that our Queen is made to associate with the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) terrorists." Another set of placards forecast that it would be: "PLO today—IRA tomorrow."

Nevertheless the representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization arrived peacefully with about a thousand MPs, wives and representatives at Westminster Hall to hear the Queen open the conference.

Referring to the purpose of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Queen established a rapport with the parliamentarians by suggesting that no parliament could exist without "rows" between its individual members. "This could hardly be", she said, "as parliaments are composed of human beings. But the parliamentary process does enable change to take place without violence, because its essence is a respect for the other person's point of view and a passionately-held belief in his right to express it."

Unhappily, she continued, many areas in the world were still beset by conflict, suspicion and distrust. "This makes your efforts to achieve understanding by open debate all the more valuable and urgent". It would be the fervent hope of all who sought a just and lasting peace for mankind that the exchanges between MPs at this conference would lead to still greater mutual understanding.

Mr Wilson, in his speech, said the Helsinki conference on security and cooperation in Europe presented "a worldwide and golden opportunity to heal the scars of war and to end the sterile divisions left by war".

When the parliamentarians began their conference it was obvious that the Middle East was to be one of the main themes. Several delegates referred to the shortcomings of the interim settlement between Egypt and Israel as it affects the claims of the Palestinians.

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France puts millions into reflation plan

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Sept 4

President Giscard d'Estaing, in a television broadcast this evening, outlined in considerable detail the Government's long-awaited reflation programme, designed to pull the French economy out of its recession.

It is especially designed to stem the threatening rise of unemployment, which has already exceeded the million mark, and is expected to rise further before the tide is reversed.

His statement came after the decision this morning by the Bank of France to lower the official discount rate by an unprecedented one and a half points to 8 per cent, which was part of the psychological build-up for the plan.

It was meant to be a clear indication that the credit relief measures for banks contained in the plan, notably the lowering of the compulsory reserve ceiling from 11 to 2 per cent, would be substantial. The move will have a direct impact on their basic lending rates, and therefore on the cost of credit to firms and individual consumers.

In his broadcast the President emphasized that "we are going through the greatest upheaval the world economy had known in peace time for the past 45 years. For France the employment position has become preoccupying. It is necessary to stop it worsening further".

The measures contained in the plan, he went on, were dictated by four considerations: their effect would be immediate, they would have repercussions in all spheres of economic activity; they had been closely coordinated with France's European partners, and especially with West Germany and the Benelux; and they were for one time only.

Outlining the measures in detail, the President concluded: "And now, what results are to be expected from them? Two results—the stimulation of economic activity, and a switch to a new form of growth. We must turn towards a different growth, more just, more human, more balanced, more thrifty."

He mentioned that among the Government's objectives in the next few years were the reduction of hours of work and the lowering of the retirement age. He had asked the Government to transmit proposals to this effect to employers and unions.

The massive plan, which provides for new expenditure and credits totalling about 30,000m francs (about £3,000m) or more than 2 per cent of the gross national product, falls into three parts: a substantial increase in public investment especially in public works such as roads, harbours, waterways and the high speed railway between Paris and Lyons, which get the lion's share of 13,000m francs; 9,600m francs in the form of postponement of tax payments for private industry out of a total of 13,000m francs in aid and 5,000m francs in support measures for domestic consumption, especially an exceptional grant of 700 francs to more than two million pensioners and handicapped people.

All this will add up to a Government deficit of 50,000m francs for 1975. The plan lays special emphasis on those forms of investment and support which produce quick returns in terms of economic activity and employment, while avoiding, as far as possible, restarting the inflationary wage-price spiral.

This operation is almost akin, in this country, to squaring the circle. Its success or failure depends on the confidence of public opinion, the employers and the unions in the ability of the Government to check a deteriorating economic situation, made worse in this post-holiday season by the influx of a large number of young job seekers on an already very depressed labour market.

These were the Government's reasons for postponing the announcement of the plan until now. It had already been widely discussed two months ago. It has gambled on spiking the Opposition and the trade unions' guns at a time traditionally marked by labour agitation, at the cost of encouraging scepticism and of giving an impression of hesitation about ways and means.

Councils are shown where to cut services

By Christopher Warman
Local Government
Correspondent

The long-awaited government circular on local government spending was published yesterday with the blunt statement that next year "there will inevitably be a reduction in the standard of local services". In addition, bus fares and council rents are expected to be further increased.

It comes after the announcement last month by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, that there must be a "standstill" in local government spending in 1976-77, and is in response to a request from local authorities for guidance on how they should restrict spending.

The Association of County Councils and the Association of District Councils emphasized that the "standstill" would in fact involve a deterioration in most services.

The circular recalls that local authority spending this year (1975-76) has exceeded the level set in the Government's rate-support grant settlement by about 2 per cent, which was originally the amount of growth allowed for next year. That is the reason for the "standstill".

Against that background the government spending departments concerned with local authorities have offered preliminary advice on individual services. Detailed guidance will be given when the rate-support grant is settled for 1976-77, in November.

It is clear that education and transport will be the services worst affected.

On education, the circular says the latest predictions are of a net increase in 1976-77 over this year of about 23,000 pupils in primary and secondary schools and of about 20,000 full-time-equivalent students in higher education.

"There will thus be no scope for improvement of standards for the education service at any level", the circular says, "and only by strict economy and careful planning will it be possible to obviate the need for reductions of standards."

Advocating that pupils within the compulsory-attendance age range should have first claim on resources, the circular adds: "The aim should be to maintain, but not to improve, existing staffing ratios. While some authorities will need to increase their teaching staffs for this purpose, those authorities with a falling population, mainly large urban areas, should reduce their teaching staff proportionately."

As to higher education where staff and accommodation capacities have in many instances outrun demand, "additional students should be accommodated as far as possible within present resources, and firmer steps should be taken to tighten staffing ratios".

Local education authorities that have recently admitted children aged four to full-time education should "review this policy in the interests of economy", and children approaching the age of five should not be admitted unless they make no extra call on resources.

On local transport, the circular says that capital and current spending will be reduced by about £70m to comply with the Chancellor's Budget.

The reductions are intended to fall mainly on revenue support and road maintenance.

It has already been announced that revenue support for buses and Underground systems has been reduced from £231m in 1975-76 to £103m in 1976-77. The latter figure is to be reduced by a further £12m to £91m. "This reduction will require fare increases to be made earlier or larger (or both) than previously planned."

On housing, the circular points out that the Government expects rents to rise next year in line with prices generally. That is likely to entail rent increases averaging about 60p a week from next spring. The Government intends to pay a special housing subsidy in 1976-77 to reduce the amount of the rate-fund contribution to housing revenue accounts that would otherwise be necessary.

Local authorities are asked to consider reducing services for

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Miss Margaret McKearney.

Minister to plead for calm in Northern Ireland

In a television broadcast tonight Mr. Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, will appeal to the people of Northern Ireland to abandon the present communal violence (our Political Correspondent writes). The decision to make such an appeal came last night after Mr Rees had reported to Mr Wilson

Mr Paisley threatens to wreck Convention Page 2

'Threat to security'

The Chiefs of Staff say dispersal of parts of the Ministry of Defence to Glasgow in the early 1980s might lead to a threat to national security because of the unstable political situation in Scotland created by the Government's devolution programme

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Fewer prep schools

The number of preparatory schools in Britain is dropping slowly but the number of pupils continues to rise slightly. According to figures published yesterday membership of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools fell from 464 last year to 453 in January this year

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Silver dealers protest

London silver dealers walked out of the first sale of the season at Sotheby's yesterday in protest at the introduction of a 10 per cent buyers' premium. Page 16

TUC keeps link with Soviet block unions

The TUC policy of seeking closer links with trade unions in East Europe is to continue in spite of criticism at Blackpool yesterday of communist activities in Portugal. The conference also decided to press the Government on the requisition of empty houses and heard rail and textile workers resist further rundowns in their industries Page 4

Offer by Communists

Portuguese Communists have indicated their willingness to cooperate with their Socialist and Popular Democrat rivals. A confrontation is expected to take place today Page 5

Mercy plane hijacked

Fifty Timor insurgents last night hijacked an Australian aircraft bringing in medical supplies under the Red Cross insignia for victims of the Portuguese territory's civil war. They forced the pilot to fly them to Darwin, where all 50 were arrested Page 5

Rugby sponsorship

The Rugby Union have for the first time accepted sponsorship at senior level. The national knockout competition will be re-named the John Player Cup with £100,000 backing over three years Page 8

Air takeover affirmed

Aircraft manufacturers are alarmed at the Government's decision to go ahead with nationalization. They had hoped for some concessions in the Bill—to be re-presented in the next parliamentary session Page 17

Sinai signing without US and Russia

Israel and Egypt signed their new agreement on disengagement in Sinai in Geneva yesterday without the expected presence of both American and Soviet representatives. The ceremony lasted less than 10 minutes and the representatives of the two sides exchanged neither looks, smiles nor handshakes. In Cairo, President Sadat hit back at his Arab critics and accused Russia of "flagrant provocation" over its boycott of the signing Page 6

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HOME NEWS

Ministry move might threaten security, Chiefs of Staff say

By Peter Hennessy

The Chiefs of Staff have warned the Government that dispersal of sections of the Ministry of Defence central headquarters from London to Glasgow in the early 1980s might jeopardize national security because of the political uncertainty created in Scotland by the devolution programme.

The security services have been asked to investigate the strength of communist influence in the Glasgow area, long a stronghold of the left, since the dispersal programme will require the recruitment of more than four thousand civil servants there.

The Ministry of Defence will establish a total of six thousand posts in Glasgow between 1982 and 1984. Only a small proportion of the most senior officials will be transferred from London. The bulk of the middle management and junior posts will be recruited locally, thereby fulfilling the object of the Government's dispersal exercise, which is to create employment in development areas.

The ministry has yet to determine which of its functions will be transferred to Scotland, but research and development of certain military weapons have already been designated for dispersal and will ensure that the Glasgow out-station of the ministry is treated as a highly sensitive installation.

The security services are understood to have judged the threat of communist infiltration insufficient to prevent the transfer of parts of the ministry to Glasgow. None the less there is speculation in Whitehall that the uncertainties in Scotland engendered by the probability of the devolution of significant political powers from London, and the remote possibility of an independent Scotland within the EEC, might eventually induce the Government to reverse its decision.

Mr Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence, has delayed the final decision on dispersal to permit further consultations with his ministerial colleagues and the Civil Service unions. Apart from the security factors, the cost of dispersing the ministry to Glasgow and Cardiff, and the provision of new buildings for the transferred officials is estimated at £300m.

Students are urged to withhold hall fees

Students in university halls of residence are to be urged to withhold rents in protest against the alleged inadequacy of the grant to cover increases in accommodation charges, the National Union of Students said yesterday.

Last year the NUS asked that students outside London should receive a grant of £845 a year, but the Government had increased their grants only to £740. That meant that £400 was expected to go on board and lodging, and £340 on everything else, such as books and clothing, the union said. But a survey by the union showed many hall fees were substantially more than £400 this year.

Accommodation fees at polytechnics, which pooled their resources and subsidized resident students, were £10 to £12 a week for full board, the union said. In the university sector there was no rent subsidy. Universities were obliged under regulations of the University Grants Commission to balance their books and to charge economic rents.

Many students were going to face hardship unless effective action was taken, Mr Alastair Stewart, deputy president of the NUS, said yesterday.

Psychologist urges parents to recogn ize the cry for help

Naughtiness seen as stress sign in children

By Diana Geddes

Abnormally aggressive or submissive behaviour in a child is often a cry for help and should be treated with support and understanding, not with criticism and punishment, a psychologist says.

Writing in the latest edition of *Where*, an education magazine for parents, published today, Mr James Hemming urges parents and teachers to look out for the stress signals displayed by children when they are unhappy or worried but do not want to admit it.

He says that crises and setbacks are good for a child if he has the capacity and adult support to cope with them. But if they are beyond him his confidence may be sapped and he may go into a nervous retreat or become untypically aggressive.

Children under stress cover up their difficulties for reasons of self-esteem or anxiety to live up to parents' expectations.

They may be competing with older brothers and sisters and will go to great lengths to prove they are not inferior. Or they may fear the ridicule of their peers.

Mr Hemming sees regression as a typical stress signal. The child takes a step back in the growing-up process, and, for example, may start to wet his bed again. A sudden decline in confidence lasting beyond a mere mood is likely to be linked with a deep discouragement.

Stealing, other than exploratory and adventure stealing found among boys of about eight, usually indicates an emotional lack and is a symbolic attempt to make up for it.

Children who feel physically interior often give stress signals. Bullying is a common sign and should be treated sympathetically. The bully who is punished merely learns to be more careful.

An unexpected decline in general competence is a stress signal that may accompany too little success in relation to others. The child says to himself: "I'm no good, so what's the point in trying?"

"Failure is like strychnine", Mr Hemming writes. "A little can be a stimulant, a little more than a little is a poison." If a child, normally eager to talk about what he is doing at school, suddenly clams up it is very likely that he has hit a bad patch.

Mounting obstinacy is often an indication of difficult relations with others. It may grow from a sense of being dominated by someone, or it may be a way of self-expression for a lonely and defeated child. The best counter to obstinacy, as to many awkward attitudes, is plenty of appreciation.

In dealing with stress signals, Mr Hemming urges parents to distinguish between support and intervention. Children always welcome support, but may resent intervention. Only when support has failed should tactful intervention be used. Criticism increases stress and undesirable behaviour.

One way to counteract a child's reticence to talk about his worries and fears is for parents to share their own difficulties with their children.

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Milk powder mountain 'not available for Oxfam'

By David Leigh

The skimmed milk powder mountain in Europe, which has reached a million tons cannot be used by voluntary agencies for emergency relief, Oxfam complained yesterday. Although the powder is available at cut prices, regulations make it virtually impossible to obtain.

Oxfam said yesterday that after putting in an application in mid-August to buy 10 tons of milk powder for emergency relief in Angola, it had only just received a reply from Brussels.

The EEC Commission said that powder could be sold only to registered agencies. Oxfam had not been told that when it put in an earlier application in March. More important, the Commission said, powder could be released only after a formal procedure lasting up to two months.

Other regulations made it impossible to buy powder in advance and stock it for longer than four months. As a result, although sudden emergencies were the only situation in which the milk could be useful, it was in effect, impossible to get rapid supplies, Oxfam said.

Print unions get together

Leaders of the four printing unions had informal talks in Blackpool yesterday to try to improve relations. They discussed the application by the National Graphical Association for reaffiliation to the TUC after its departure three years ago for refusing to deregister under the Industrial Relations Act.

Mr William Keys, general secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, said: "Things have changed with the introduction of new technology, and now the only answer is to have one union."

Low flight disrupts Sussex town

A man appeared in court yesterday after homes had been evacuated at Bognor Regis, Sussex, because a light aircraft flew low over the resort. School buses were rerouted until the aircraft eventually landed in a field.

Gary Scott, aged 29, of Oldbury Farm, Crockenhill, near Chichester, was charged with entering an office at a flying club, stealing a key, and taking a Piper Cherokee 180 aircraft.

He was remanded on bail until October 9, ordered to report daily to the police and told not to approach Mrs Patricia Walton, of Hastings Close, Bognor Regis. Reporting restrictions were not lifted. Last night Mr Scott was in Lewes Prison because sureties had not been found.

The incident began soon after the police had advised a couple about a domestic dispute. An aircraft took off from Goodwood and circled Bognor for almost 90 minutes.

Full pensions for troops hurt in pub blasts

By Robert Parker

Soldiers who are injured by bomb explosions in public houses they frequent when off duty and which are regarded as "soft" targets for terrorist organizations are entitled to full pension rights and benefits when their injuries are so severe that they have to be discharged.

That was made clear yesterday by Mr Morris, Under-Secretary of State for the Disabled, Department of Health and Social Security, in reply to a letter from Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, Labour MP for Eccles.

Mr Carter-Jones raised the question of compensation after the bombing of a public house near army barracks at Caterham, Surrey, last week, in which Guardsman Paul Thomas, a married man, with a baby six weeks old, lost both arms and a leg. Hhe was due to leave the Army this wek after five years.

It was made clear yesterday that soldiers such as Mr Thomas receive a pension from the Department of Health as well as two gratuities and a further pension from the Ministry of Defence. They are all tax free. There are also several other entitlements, which may add up to more than £25 a week for those who have serious and disabling injuries.

For a private with 50 per cent disablement the weekly pension from the Department of Health is £9.50. With 100 cent cent disablement he will get £19 a week, plus an unemployability payment of £12.40 a week and up to £15.20 a week for being in need of constant attention.

On top of those payments he gets from the Ministry of Defence a gratuity of £357 after five years' service, and an additional lump sum ranging from £260 for a 20 per cent disability to £1,299 for a 100 per cent disability. The ministry also pays a pension of between £349 and £877 a year.

For a soldier with completely disabling injuries, all those payments may add up to more than £60 a week, tax free.

Danger of 'granny battering'

By Our Medical Correspondent

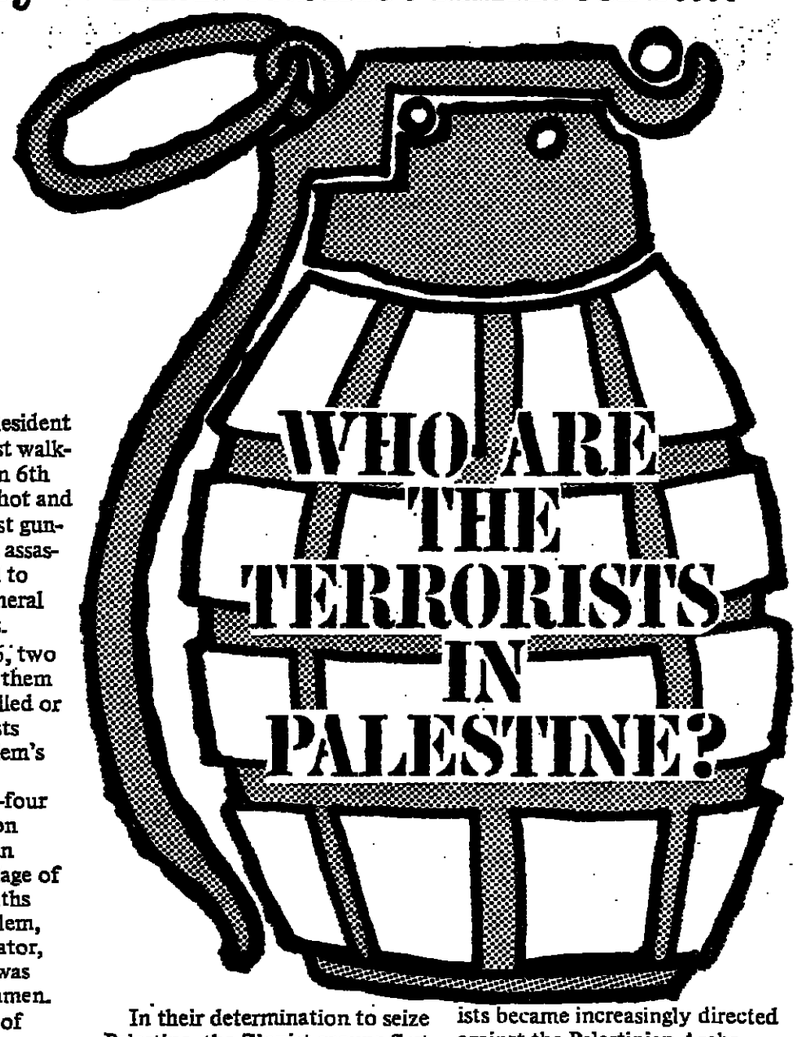
Granny battering may be as much a social problem as baby battering, a geriatrician says in a letter to the *British Medical Journal* today. Dr G. R. Burston, a consultant at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, says he has personal knowledge of cases in which elderly patients have been deliberately assaulted by relatives.

Assaults might account for some of the cases in which elderly individuals are said by their relatives to "fall down frequently, doctor".

The risk of battering is highest when the patient has some mental impairment, he suggests.

Family doctors, casualty officers, nurses and health visitors should become as conscious of granny battering as they have become of assaults on babies.

Lord Moyne shot dead in Cairo....Count Folke Bernadotte assasinated in Jerusalem....Arab villages attacked and looted....the King David Hotel bombed....letter bombs received by British Cabinet Ministers....



As Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East walked from his Cairo home on 6th November 1944, he was shot and fatally wounded by Zionist gunmen. A few weeks ago his assassins' bodies were returned to Israel and given a state funeral with full military honours.

Two years later in 1946, two hundred people, many of them British personnel, were killed or wounded when the Zionists planted a bomb in Jerusalem's King David Hotel.

Two hundred and fifty-four Palestinian civilians died on 9th April 1948 when Irgun terrorists attacked the village of Deir Yassin, and five months later in Israeli-held Jerusalem, the United Nations' Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte was assassinated by Israeli gunmen.

Zionist and Israeli acts of terrorism, excluding all operations by regular military units against military targets, range from assassination to letter bombs, and from placing bombs in cafes, hotels and buses to looting and hanging. The victims have included British and United Nations personnel, as well as thousands of Palestinian Arabs. Many of the men who planned or committed these crimes are today political and military leaders in Israel:

Menachim Beigin – leader of the Irgun, later became an Israeli Member of Parliament and is today the leader of the Opposition Likud Party.

Nathin Yellin Mor – leader of the Stern Gang, was also elected to the Israeli Parliament.

General Dayan, Premier Rabin, Abba Ebban and many other leading Israeli politicians served in the Zionist underground, which used sabotage, assassination and terror in its campaign against the British and the Palestinian Arabs.

In their determination to seize Palestine, the Zionist groups first directed their activities against the British. Three years after Lord Moyne's assassination, the Irgun Zvei Leumi blew up the Goldsmith's Officers' Club in Jerusalem on March 1st 1947, killing thirteen and wounding sixteen. British Judge Windham was seized as a hostage in January 1947 and earlier five British officers were seized from the Tel Aviv NAAFI in June 1946. Two British sergeants seized by the Irgun in June 1947 were hanged, and their bodies planted with booby-trap explosives.

Zionist terrorism was not confined to Palestine. In Rome a bomb exploded at the British Embassy during October 1946, while in London letters addressed to Cabinet Ministers were found to contain explosive devices – the first letter bombs ever used.

As the British prepared their evacuation from Palestine, so the terrorist operations by the Zionists became increasingly directed against the Palestinian Arabs. Bombs exploded in Arab market places and cafes, and week after week the Arab fatalities increased.

The Haganah claimed responsibility for the death of twenty people in an explosion which wrecked the Semiramis Hotel; fourteen Palestinians died when Zionists blew up a house in Tiberius on April 19th 1948; more than sixty Palestinian deaths were reported following a Palmach attack on Balad al-Sheikh on December 30th 1947, when women and children died from gunfire as they sought refuge.

United Nations Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, who strove ceaselessly to establish peace in Palestine, was shot dead in the Israeli sector of Jerusalem on September 17th 1948 by members of the Stern Gang.

Tens of thousands of Palestinian families fled their homes. In *The Times* on 26th October 1973, General Sir Horatius Murray, former Commander of the 1st Division in Palestine, related how the Zionists launched their offensive as British troops prepared to evacuate. 'The Jews', said Sir Horatius, 'seized this opportunity to launch a ruthless and sustained terrorist campaign against the Arabs'.

Menachim Beigin, leader of the Irgun and today leader of the Likud Party in Israel's Parliament, has since written of the notorious massacre of Arab villagers at Deir Yassin: 'The Massacre was not only justified, but there would not have been a State of Israel without the victory of Deir Yassin'.

But for the Palestinians, condemned to a life of poverty and deprivation in refugee camps, the era of terror did not end. The Israelis continued to launch attacks, which persist even today. One raid, on Nabatiyeh refugee camp in Lebanon during May 1974, made thousands homeless. A UN report on the destruction at Nabatiyeh revealed: 60% of homes totally destroyed; 20% partially damaged; 10% slightly damaged and 10% with roofing damages.

Next time the Israelis accuse the Palestinians of terrorism, and attempt to silence those who speak for the Palestinians, ask yourself, 'Who are the real terrorists? The Israelis, whose record is only partially touched upon by the facts you have just read, or the Palestinians seeking the right to return to live in peace in their homeland?'

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Defeat for Miles and Hartston in chess game

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Middlesbrough

Hartston and Miles lost with the white pieces against their European opponents in the Alexander Memorial chess tournament at Middlesbrough yesterday. Miles soon had the inferior game against Timman, who sacrificed a rook for a bishop and won in 38 moves by forceful play. Hartston went astray in the later middle game against Sax and found himself with a lost ending early in the day.

At times, it looked as though Keene would lose quickly to Kavalek, but the United States grandmaster got into time trouble and, having to make no fewer than 11 moves in two minutes, was forced to agree to a draw.

Two of the leaders, Bronstein and Hubner, had a quick draw in 12 moves.

Leading scores at the end of the fourth round were: Bronstein and Sax 3; Geller and Hubner 2½; Gheorghiu, Smyslov, Stean and Timman, 2.

Results, round 4: Hartston 0, Sax 1. Sic def. 41: Hubner ½, Bronstein ½. English open, 13: Lombardy ½, Geller ½. Sic def. 19: Olafsson ½, Stean ½. QP Grunfeld def. 18: Keene ½, Kavalek ½. QP King's Indian def. 29: Smyslov ½, Gheorghiu ½. QP Queen's Indian def. 24: Miles 0, Timman 1. Queen's pawn open. 38: Hort had the bye.

Adjourned games, round 3: Sax ½, Hubner ½: Timman ½, Smyslov ½.

Government outlines local spending cuts

Continued from page 1

items such as parks, open spaces, refuse collection, general administration, and town and country planning.

Our Political Staff writes: The spending curs have annoyed some ministers, it was disclosed last night. Education ministers are believed to be angry because the Department of Education and Science was not consulted on the contents of the Department of the Environment's circular.

Education services are directly affected by the circular, by the stipulations about children aged four and five for example: ministers have argued that the stipulations virtually exclude that age group because children could not be admitted to schools without extra spending.

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is said to be upset.

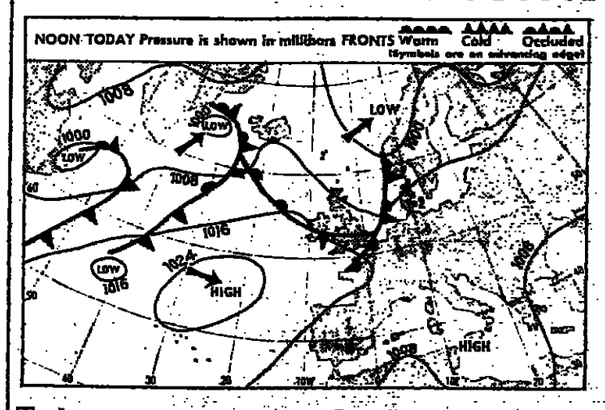
Feelings will be ventilated at next week's joint meeting of Cabinet ministers and the Labour Party National Executive Committee.

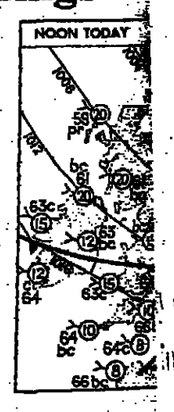
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Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.18 am. Sun sets: 7.40 pm
Moon rises: 5.53 am. Moon sets: 7.2 pm

New Moon: 8.19 pm.
Lighting up: 8.10 pm to 5.50 am.
High water: London Bridge, 1.49 am, 7.2 m (23.7 ft); 2.12 pm, 7.3 m (24.0 ft); Avonmouth 7.35 am, 13.4 m (44.0 ft); 7.53 pm, 13.8 m (45.3 ft); Dover 11.20 am, 6.9 m (22.6 ft) 11.41 pm, 6.9 m (22.6 ft); Hull 6.11 am, 7.5 m (24.6 ft); 6.49 pm, 7.4 m (24.4 ft); Liverpool 11.33 am, 9.5 m (31.1 ft); 11.51 pm, 9.8 m (32.3 ft).

Pressure will be low to the N and high to the SW of the British Isles. A rather weak trough will move S across England during the day and a further trough will move from the W towards Scotland.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, perhaps a little drizzle later, wind W light or moderate; max temp 19°C (66°F).

E Anglia, Midlands, Wales, E, NW, central N, NE England: Cloudy, a little drizzle at first, bright periods later; wind W moderate, max temp 17°C (63°F).

Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: mainly dry, bright spells, wind W moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright periods at first; cloudy later with rain, wind W moderate or fresh, max temp 15°C (59°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rather changeable, rain at times, but bright periods; probably mainly dry in S.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind W moderate, sea slight.

St George's Channel: wind W moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind W or NW moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 21°C (70°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 13°C (55°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 46 per cent. 7 pm, nil. Sun, 2… 5.4 hr. Bar, mean … 1,015.3 millibars, … 1,000 millibars = 2…

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Barcelona	f	26	79	Edinburgh	c	15	59	London	s	20	68
Belfast	c	20	68	Florence	f	24	75	Luxemburg	f	20	68
Belgrade	f	24	75	Funchal	c	21	70	Madrid	f	25	77
Berlin	c	21	70	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Majorca	s	29	84
Biarritz	f	24	75	Genoa	s	26	79	Malaga	s	29	84
Birmghm	c	17	63	Guernsey	f	20	68	Malta	s	27	81
Bristol	s	18	64	Helsinki	f	14	57	Manchstr	f	17	63
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At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm.

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Brighton	9.8	—
Worthing	2.8	—
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Sandown	5.1	—
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Torquay	9.0	—
Falmouth	11.0	—
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Morecambe	8.8	—
Blackpool	7.3	—
Llandudno	7.1	—
Newquay	10.9	—

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despite an increase in f about a fifth since y, taking the biggest g schools past £1,000 a e numbers of pupils at the schools are continuing to increase slightly each year.

Details of a survey of 230 of the recognized preparatory schools published yesterday showed that the number of pupils rose from 38,400 in January to 38,650 for next term.

The number at all the preparatory schools may have risen from 73,555 to about 74,000.

The main trend has been for a shift among boys from boarding schools to day schools. The survey showed that boy boarders had dropped by 500 and day boys increased by about 500.

Mr Mark Hanbury, the association's secretary, told a press conference that that might be a false economy on the part of parents. Day fees were now almost two thirds as much as boarding fees. Parents of non-boarders had to pay fares to and from school, laundry, meals and maintenance and other charges at weekends.

Mr John Higgs, Headmaster of Beechwood Park School, Bedfordshire, opening the association's annual conference in Oxford yesterday, said more preparatory schools might amalgamate, but it was suprising how few of them had had to close compared with the number of businesses that had gone into liquidation last year.

Universities' leading role is defended

From David Walker, of *The Times Higher Education Supplement*

Lancaster

Universities should stay at the top of the educational system as a national priority, Sir Roy Marshall, secretary-general of the committee of vice-Chancellors and Principals, told an international conference of educationalists at Lancaster yesterday.

He said there was room for new institutions such as community and liberal art colleges as well as polytechnics, but universities should not be ashamed of their elitism if it was based on intellectual achievement.

"The experience of countries like France, Germany or the United States, which have a rather more open system of higher education than that of Britain, show there is a vital role for the prestige institutions catering for those who are most intellectually able."

Sir Roy said the Government had underestimated the universities' capacity for change. In the last 18 months they had come to terms with immense problems caused by lack of money. "The biggest threat to excellence is the decline in confidence and loss of morale among those working in universities. For this period of economic difficulty has come after a period of immense expansion during which high expectations were created."



Mr Stonehouse back at Commons: Mr John Stonehouse returned to the House of Commons yesterday to collect letters and to use the library; he went unnoticed by everyone except a few MPs (a Staff Reporter writes). But he was greeted by some icy stares from the handful of Labour members he met.

Mr Stonehouse said: "It was really extraordinary. I walked in through New Palace Yard when the parliamentarians were arriving for the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference. The police were all around, hundreds of them, and in the middle of Parliament Square were demonstrators. I walked through and the policeman did not recognize me. No one recognized me. It's very amusing.

Race relations White Paper is criticized

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A belated attempt by the Department of the Environment to answer unusually sharp criticism of its attitude towards race relations ran into more trouble yesterday.

The controversy centres on a White Paper published yesterday as a response to acid comments by the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration in its last report.

In July the committee described the absence of any response to its 1971 housing report, four years after its publication, as amounting to "a rejection of the importance of race relations by the Department of the Environment and successive ministers".

In the White Paper, which amounts to an apologia, the Government recognizes that the reply is overdue but says that more than half of the 46 specific recommendations in the report have been acted on.

A "note to editors" issued by the Department of the Environment says: "The Government welcomes this opportunity of formally acknowledging the work of the select committee and the contribution which its report has made."

But the Runnymede Trust said yesterday: "The Department of the Environment's lanquid reaction to the select committee's housing report gives small reason for hoping that positive guidance to local authorities can be expected from the department."

The trust particularly criticizes the ambiguity of the department's guidance to local authorities on confidential record-keeping about the housing of coloured people.

Such record keeping should be encouraged in appropriate areas, the White Paper says, but records should not be kept for their own sake and should form part of local authorities' wider arrangements.

Race Relations and Housing (Cmnd 6232. Stationery Office, 32p).

More immigrants jobless

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Unemployment among coloured workers is rising much more quickly than among white, according to Department of Employment statistics.

The figures show that between November, 1973, and May this year, unemployment of coloured workpeople increased by 156 per cent, compared with a rise of 65 per cent in the whole workforce.

Giving the figures in a speech yesterday, Mr Fraser, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said he had recently invited representatives of the TUC, CBI, and community relations organizations to take part in joint discussions about how equal employment opportunities are being promoted.

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National Children's is to examine the of handicapped school- in getting jobs. The study will cost £53,000 being financed by the nent of Education and

four hundred young and their families will viewed. The leavers will m from a periodic study bureau of the progress children born in one week in March, 1958, in England, Scotland and Wales.

Young people who, while not having received special education, would have benefited from it in the opinion of their teachers will be included.

The study has been commissioned by the Warnock committee, which has been asked by the Government to study the educational needs of handicapped children.

The results of the bureau's survey will be completed in the autumn of 1977

College to take local students only

Trent Polytechnic announced yesterday that it is to accept only local students for most of its remaining 400 degree course places because of a shortage of private lodgings in Nottingham.

Mr Ronald Headley, the director, blamed the 1974 Rent Act. "Many landlords have just not found it economic to let rooms, and there is not the same accommodation available", he said.

The National Union of Students said: "We regard the decision as a very dangerous development.

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Planning Reporter
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War urged on party infiltrators

From a Staff Reporter

A call for all-out war on "infiltrators, political narks and cuckoos in the nest" determined to cause maximum embarrassment to the Government came from Mr Mason, MP for Barnsley and Secretary of State for Defence, when he addressed engineering union shop stewards at Barnsley last night.

He said the Government's counter-inflationary policy would need the loyalty of all members of the Labour Party and the trade union movement.

Democracy was in danger if infiltrators, although small in number but active in speech and resolution, got bold of the reins. "Everyone in the trade union ranks and the Labour Party rank and file must sniffe and frustrate their anti-democratic activities at source."

During the next 12 months everybody must show restraint in demands. Living standards for most people would fall. The Government's policy was fair because the greatest sacrifice was being made by those most able to make it.

Attitudes to work needed to change. More machines to muscle were needed and industrial investment was urgently required. "We do not have to necessarily work much harder, but instead more intelligently."

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ationing is inevitable oming winter if the ent does not allow a e, Mr Robin Gallup, of the milk and oduce committee of onal Farmers' Union, meeting of dairy n Exeter last night.

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hard Trehane, chair- the Milk Marketing id militancy was not way out of farmers' difficulties. "There are growing signs that the public are becoming more aware of our problems, and extreme action now could destroy that public sympathy."

Mr David Crouch, MP for Canterbury, told Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in a letter yesterday: "You have not succeeded in keeping pace with the evil of inflation, which is now in danger of overwhelming some of our major areas of farming and producing real dangers for our country's economy".

Call for action: Lancashire farmers have called for national action if this month's meeting of the EEC Council of Ministers in Brussels does not stop the decline in food production by raising returns to producers.

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Food prices

Hugh Clayton

usually gloomy fore- issued by the Depart- rices and Consumer yesterday. It pre- minent increases on cucumbers, celery, nions, beans, beef, ome-killed lamb.

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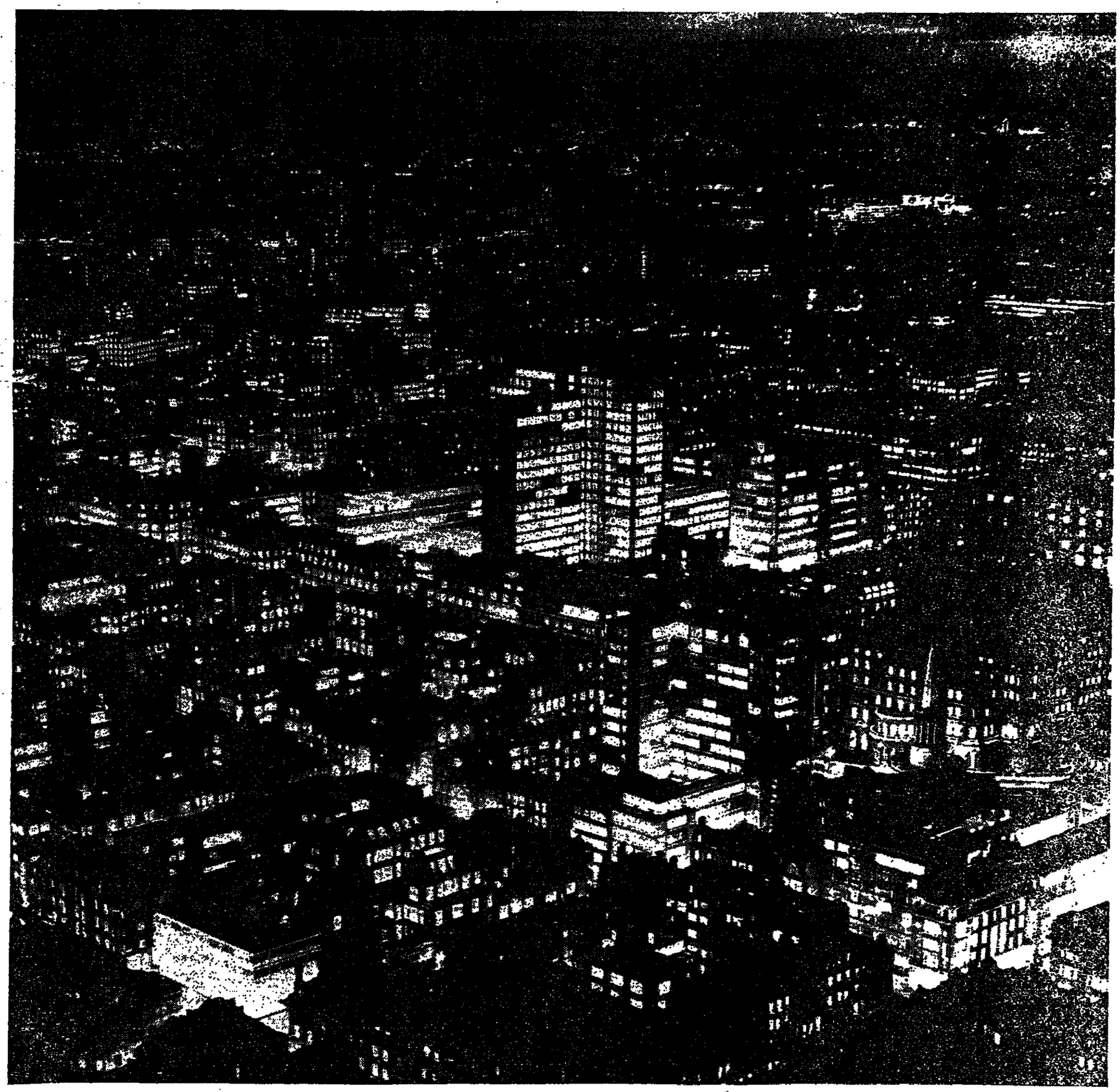
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the lack of rain to push up prices gerables and salads, worth buying at 6p ound. Potatoes have , to a minimum of ind. Most packed potatoes in supermarkets cost 24p for a 3lb bag.

Dessert apples have become much cheaper and there are some good home-grown Worcesters from 12p a pound for the smallest. Cooking apples remain expensive but yellow melons from Spain and some oranges have dropped slightly. The late crop of home-grown strawberries turns up here and there at 80p to £1 a pound for those of good quality.

The increases on meat will be small in most cases, especially on pork, where they are unlikely to exceed 4p a pound. Some fish, including cod and haddock, has become cheaper, although prices of flatfish are fairly steady. Some fishmongers have pieces of Canadian salmon at 90p to £1.20 a pound, and Scottish salmon at about £1.20 a pound for whole fish or as much as 50p more for portions.

A few of those with game licences have grouse at about £1.75 each; those described as "casseroling grouse" can be found for as little as £1.



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HOME NEWS

Doctors are told they must give more aid to offshore oil rig men

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

The medical profession must do more to safeguard the health of men working on offshore oil rigs, especially divers, a working party of doctors says. The doctors, who have spent a year preparing their report, believe the injury rate on oil rigs is likely to rise to 10 times that in coalmining. But they think the main medical needs of the men are being met.

The report, initiated by the Scottish council of the British Medical Association, estimates that by the mid-1980s between five thousand and six thousand men will be working on the rigs. Caring for their health presents new difficulties not because of illness, for they are *usually young and fit, but because* of the distances. "Offshore" is a misleading term when the nearest rigs are a hundred miles from the coast.

Divers in particular, who work in unnatural conditions and whose medical care needs are outside the knowledge of all but a few doctors, need an exceptional degree of specialist support.

The report expresses the hope that a surgical team will be trained in Aberdeen to fly out to treat an injured diver in the decompression chamber. The doctors involved in that would also need 14 days' decompression, just one example of the difficulties to be surmounted.

Noting the dangers of work on the rigs, the report suggests that there are now more "green crews" employed. With less experience among the workforce the incidence of injury is likely to rise. Although *precise figures are difficult* to obtain and are subject to assumptions about the relatively small labour force, the working party concludes that between two and three fatalities a year in a thousand are probable. That is double the rate for men on deep-sea trawlers, 10 times that in coalmining and the construction industry, and 50 times that in factories.

The report records that in 1968 when there was one offshore rig there were three fatal accidents and 21 serious injuries among 1,210 men. In 1974, with 4,030 men employed on 23 rigs, there were 12 deaths and 25 serious injuries. Since January this year there have been eight deaths and 12 serious accidents.

The doctors think that facilities provided by the oil companies for health care on the rigs are good.

Almost every family doctor witness reported on the large and unmeasured incidence of psychiatric illness, including acute and chronic alcoholism and psychotic illness, among the oil men.

Report of Working Party on the Medical Implications of Oil Related Industry (BMA Scottish House, 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, EH3 7QP, £1).

Blast inquiry 'shows management omissions'

From Ronald Kershaw
Barnsley

Serious breaches of the Mines and Quarries Act appear to have occurred before the Houghton Main colliery explosion on June 12, in which five men died, Mr Arthur Scargill, Yorkshire miners' president, said at the last day of the public inquiry at Barnsley yesterday.

Mr Scargill said there was a failure by the electrical department at the colliery and its senior engineers to report on serious and potentially dangerous defects. There was an even greater tendency by the mechanical department to fail to report correctly and to understand the defects that were being reported by the mine mechanics.

There was a general failing to ensure that every report was read and that items were brought to the manager's attention.

There was a failure by the surveyor's department to keep plans up to date, including rescue plans. There were further failures to check the accuracy of certain facts that were entered upon plans without having been checked by the surveying department.

Mr Scargill said: "It must be emphasized that the failure to supervise the work of these various departments and to ensure that they acted as an effective and efficient body must reflect itself upon the manager deputy manager and under managers."

Assurance on selection of RC bishops

By Robert Nowell

An assurance that the views of those consulted are given the greatest possible weight in the appointment of Roman Catholic bishops was given yesterday by the Apostolic Delegate in Great Britain, Archbishop Druno Heim, to the National Conference of Priests in Birmingham.

In a private three-hour session he heard representatives of the five thousand or so diocesan priests in England and Wales urge the need for the widest possible consultation of both clergy and laity in the naming of bishops.

The last three Roman Catholic bishops named in Great Britain, the Archbishop of Glasgow, Mgr Winning, the Bishop of Clifton, and Mgr Alexander, the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, Mgr Lindsey, are thought to have received the support of between 60 and 90 per cent of those consulted.

The conference called on Roman Catholic bishops and priests to investigate how it might be made possible for a Catholic who formed a stable and lasting marriage with a divorced person, or whose own first marriage had ended in breakdown, to take the sacraments. Father Kevin Finn, of Skelmersdale, Lancashire, said it seemed unjust to condemn such people to a "lifetime sentence".

But a small minority of priests advocated the traditional remedy of asking a couple to live "as brother and sister" as a condition for readmission to the sacraments.

Father John Mooney, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, later walked out of the conference when it started discussing whether clerical celibacy should continue to be compulsory. But by 38 votes to 28, with five abstentions, the delegates rejected a call to the bishops to ask Rome to make celibacy optional.

Air operators oppose airport closures

By Arthur Reed

Criticism of moves by the British Airports Authority to close Heathrow and Gatwick airports to light aircraft was voiced yesterday by Mr Eric Thurston, chairman of the Air Taxi Operators' Association.

Speaking at the opening of the business and light aviation show at Cranfield, Bedfordshire, he said that a recent airports authority consultation document suggested that Heathrow would be closed to light aircraft from 1980 and Gatwick from 1985.

"Does the BAA not realize that interline passengers, usually first-class with British Airways, will be using Amsterdam, Brussels or Paris in modern, 250 mph air taxis, from where they will fly with foreign airlines to the United States, Africa or the Far East, rather than suffer inconvenience and expense routing through Heathrow?"

Guard in Tube accident was drunk, coroner says

A London Transport train guard died four days after an accident in which he was leaning out of a train as it left Chancery Lane Underground station, the City Coroner was told yesterday.

An alcohol level of 285 mg in 100 ml of blood was found in the body of Mr Thomas Stowell, aged 28, of Nevern Road, Earls Court, who died on May 4. Dr David Paul, the coroner, said: "This man was obviously completely incapable through drink."

A verdict of accidental death was recorded. The jury was told that just before the accident Mr Stowell had opened the train doors on the wrong side.

Professor Keith Simpson, the pathologist, said the blood alcobol level was equivalent to eight pints of beer. Mr Stowell died from severe laceration of the brain and a crushed skull.

Mr Mervyn Griffiths, a station manager, said: "I saw Stowell just before he started work and certainly did not think he was drunk. We have strict instructions to send home anyone who has the slightest smell of alcohol on their breath, but I did not think he had been drinking that night."

Mr Keith Harris, a passenger, of Sproughton, Ipswich, said: "He seemed to be giving the signals quite normally until suddenly at Chancery Lane he opened the doors on the wrong side.

"While we were at the station the guard was talking to someone standing on the platform, and kept talking to him as the train moved off. I suppose he just didn't see the tunnel, but the next thing we knew he was lying the carriage in a pool of blood."

The coroner said: "The drink lowered his awareness of personal safety."

COUNTRY LIFE



Autumn Gardens Number

Garden Skyscapes
Tony Venison discusses the benefits of gardeners including the sky in their garden layout.

Plants of Powerful Structure
Christopher Lloyd considers some plants that give a feeling of purpose and concentration to the garden scene.

Self Help in the Fruit Garden
D. Macer Wright suggests some varieties of fruit trees and bushes for the amateur gardener that need little attention.

Treasures for the Connoisseur
Anthony Huxley describes the diverse collection of plants in the pocket-size garden of the Hatch, Surrey.

Ground Cover Reconsidered
Nancy-Mary Goodall considers the greater use of ground-cover plants as an aid to economising on labour.

On sale now, 35 pence

State backing for £4.25m housing scheme

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government has approved a £4.25m housing project which would provide subsidized accommodation for 520 essential workers in London. It is believed to be the first scheme to convert an existing building into accommodation for single young people, including nurses, teachers, and London Transport staff.

Young people at the start of their careers would be able to rent self-contained bedsitters for £11.85 a week, which is below market rents.

The project would help to ease the shortage of reasonably priced accommodation in London for young people, which has made it difficult to recruit and retain staff for essential services.

It is to be carried out by the Family Housing Association, which is negotiating to buy an hotel in Islington to convert into furnished rooms.

Mr Michael Weeks, director of the association, said yesterday: "We are not talking about dossers or down-and-outs. We have in mind nurses, trainee accountants, teachers, posmen, London Transport employees and other people who need to live in London but simply cannot afford market rents."

New trial for picket ordered

A new trial was ordered yesterday for an unofficial strike picker accused of assaulting a policeman. After four and a half hours' deliberations a jury at Newcastle upon Tyne *Crown Court said* there was no chance of their reaching a verdict and Judge Smith, QC, ordered a new trial to start on Monday.

Robert Henderson, aged 23, a scaffolder of South Shields, one of ten men arrested after picketing a Newcastle building site in January, was given bail. He denies the allegation of assault.

TRADES UNION CONGRESS/BLACKPOOL

Links with Europe's communist unions will be maintained

From Paul Routledge

The TUC decided yesterday to continue its policy of making closer relationships with trade unions in the Soviet Union and East Europe, despite strong criticism of the Communist Party's activities in Portugal.

On a show of hands, delegates approved a resolution from the construction section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering workers calling for a British initiative to bring the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the Prague-based World Federation of Trade Unions closer together. After the vote had been taken, greetings telegrams from the Soviet Central Council of Trade Unions and the East German unions were read out.

The growing relationship between the TUC and its communist counterparts will be underlined by an official visit by members of the TUC international committee to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria in November, and a second all European trade union conference next year, which may discuss worker participation in management.

Mr Len Murray, the TUC's general secretary, made clear that the general council accepted the construction engineering workers' motion, with the reservation that the British unions at present preferred to work through contacts with individual unions and national trade union centres, rather than through international bodies. The TUC would take part in the 1976 European conference with the intention of discussing practical issues that could be followed up.

Mr Jack Jones, chairman of the TUC international committee, said preparations for next year's all-European conference were already in hand. "We shall look to see what progress we have made after our discussions this year, and I hope we shall also take up some other questions—perhaps of workers' participation in management or of trade union education and training", he said. He argued that solidarity, understanding and friendship were the trade union answer to international tension, a view not shared by the electricians' union, which launched an attack on communists in Portuguese trade unions and government when seconding a mineworkers' resolution on Spain moved by Mr Michael McGahey, the miners' communist vice-president.

The NUM motion called for a national solidarity campaign with those in Spain who were "fighting for an end to fascism and the establishment of democracy". Mr McGahey said the chief threat to democracy in Portugal came from the right, whereas democracy was to be found in the socialist movement, the communist movement and the army.

A sharply political amendment tabled by the electricians, which criticized "militarism" in Portugal and was directed chiefly at the communists was accepted by the miners although left-wingers had fought against it in the NUM delegation to the congress.

Mr Eric Hammond, speaking for the electricians, insisted that the real threat to democracy in Portugal came from the communists in the Armed Forces and the trade union movement, who were taking over the country against the expressed electoral wishes of the people. The motion, which was clearly self-contradictory, was none the less adopted on a show of hands.

The generally left-wing nature of the TUC's international policy was buttressed by the conference's acceptance of a move by Mr Clive Jenkins's union to demand another referendum or a general election before Britain took any irrevocable steps towards European union. "We must protect Westminster from its own death wish", he said.

NUR ready to oppose any proposals for rail cuts

From Our Parliamentary Staff

Any attempt to cut the railways or to impose compulsory redundancies *would be met* by the use of the National Union of Railwaymen's full political and industrial strength, declared Mr Dave Bowman, president of the NUR, (our Parliamentary Staff writes).

He was moving a composite motion expressing concern at investment and pricing policies. The motion called for a national transport board to control railways, shipping, road trunk haulage, road passenger services, parcels and warehousing, hotels, tourism and air transport. There should be long-term investment plans for the nationalized industries, and a return to public ownership of nationalized industries sold off by Conservative governments, as well as an immediate resumption of the Channel tunnel project. Finally, the motion called for an early statement of government policy for transport.

Mr Bowman said the NUR had had talks with ministers and from those it was clear that there was no overall government transport policy. If they were to tackle the present chaotic position there was a desperate need to look at transport priorities and make decisions.

If the Government was serious about the manifesto statement of the need to move as much traffic as possible from road to rail, legislation must be enacted. There was a perfectly good railway system of 11,000 route miles, which should be used to capacity; failure to do so represented a criminal waste of a first-class national resource.

"The British Railways Board and the Government are threatening unions with more cuts and closures. We have had our Beeching and there will be no more."

There would be no compulsory redundancy. If anyone attempted that course "we will use our full political and industrial strength, if necessary, to *maintain the NUR's* position".

Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, was interrupted on several occasions as he sought to set out the general council's reservations about some sections of the long composite motion.

The motion was rejected

Keeping a careful eye on EEC developments

The congress carried a motion accepting the referendum decision that Britain should stay in the European Economic Community.

The motion said the responsibility of representing the British trade union movement required a continuing review of developments within the Community by the general council and the determination of policies to ensure greater democratic control over the European Commission by the European Parliament, greater direct control and supervision of the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament, reforms of the economic, social, industrial and agricultural policies in the interests of the workers of the Community, and the extension of greater positive participation by workers in industrial democracy.

An amendment was accepted saying that no irrevocable steps should be taken towards European union without the known wholehearted consent of the British people.

Mr Leslie Buck, general secretary, National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Coppersmiths, and Heating and Domestic Engineers, proposing the motion, said it was essentially to determine the approach of the congress to the EEC, having made it clear at the 1974 congress that the will and voice of the British people would be accepted. The motion ensured that the congress would set its sights on the main issues that had to be resolved and on the role the *movement intended to play.*

Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary, Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, moving the amendment, said there would be a call by the press and politicians to integrate more closely into a European mono super state. The British Labour movement risked being submerged.

If there was to be an attempt by anyone to abolish Britain's parliamentary institutions or subordinate them entirely to a European super state the British people must be consulted, and that meant an election or a referendum.

Mr Jack Jones, general secretary, Transport and General Workers' Union, in a separate reference to the European Community said: "Our intention is constructive participation, but our representatives in the Economic and Social Committee of the EEC will not tolerate inaction, bureaucratic complacency and red tape frustration".

Delegates loudly applauded a strong plea by Mr Jones, that the International Labour Organization, at present split for political rather than industrial reasons, must not be allowed to die.

Mr Jones, chairman of the TUC international committee presenting the international section of the general council's report to the congress, said the ILO was split because representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization were to be admitted as observers to some of its meetings, including the annual conference.

When the issue was first raised the general council did not support the idea. It did not think that such recognition for the PLO was opportune, because the PLO was not a country with defined boundaries and an established trade union movement. But there was a majority in favour, and the PLO had been admitted, not as a member but as an observer.

Because of that decision the American workers' representatives, among others, walked out of the ILO conference and the governments of West Germany, Japan and the United States were for the moment not paying their large share of the cost of the ILO.

Bill of Rights in Ulster wins support

A Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland to ban all forms of discrimination on religious grounds and to guarantee free democratic elections was called for in a resolution moved by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and agreed to.

Mr Ray Buckton, ASLEF general secretary, said the proposal would clear away some of the difficulties causing the tragedy in Northern Ireland. He suggested a summit meeting of the trade union movements of Britain and Ireland. They might perhaps assist the politicians to find the answers.

Mr Andrew Barr of Belfast, National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Coppersmiths, Heating and Domestic Engineers, said that a similar resolution passed in 1972 had not been implemented. "We in the Irish trade union movement condemn utterly and without reservation the senseless bombing and killing of British people, just as we condemn the mindless assassinations of working people, Protestant or Catholic, in Northern Ireland."

Congress backs anti-fascists in Spain

A motion calling for support for those fighting to end fascism in Spain, amended to include a reference to fighting militarism and to Portugal, was carried.

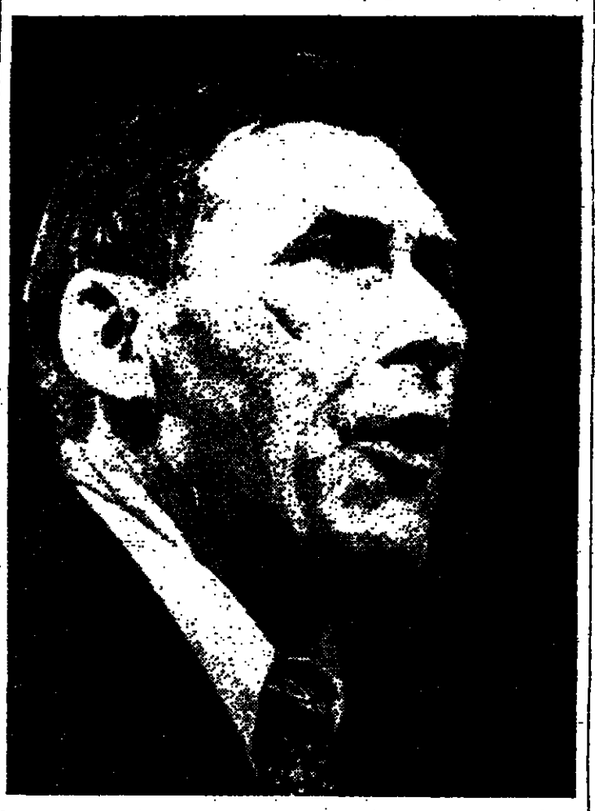
Mr Michael McGahey, National Union of Mineworkers, moving the motion about Spain, said the amendment was accepted because they all feared a backlash from the right and it was from the right that the danger came.

Mr Eric Hammond, for the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, which had tabled the amendment, said it was the continuing infatuation with left-wing generals that made the communists jointly responsible with the military for the deteriorating *situation in Portugal.*

Strike hits delegates

Delegates found themselves unable to go to work by bus yesterday because of a strike by Blackpool bus crews. The busmen stopped work to discuss an assault on a workmate late on Wednesday night. Work was resumed later.





Mr W. L. Kendall (top) of the Civil and Public Services Association, and Mr Michael McGahey (bottom), the Scottish miners' leader, were among yesterday's speakers. Mr Tom Jackson, of the Union of Post Office Workers, was an appreciative listener.

Nationalization of North Sea oil sou

The conference called for nationalization of all Britain's oil exploration enterprises. The successful motion by the construction section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers also demanded that multinational companies should be made to ensure that oil rigs are built by mainly British people and companies.

Mr R. Sneddon, moving the motion, said some companies were receiving a 70 per cent return on capital as a result of investment in the North Sea. He maintained that the negotiations between the Government and the companies had been like a fight between an amateur lightweight and Muhammad Ali, with the Government being completely mesmerized. Britain could not have a successful energy policy without having full control of North Sea oil.

Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, speaking for the general council, said the movement had long been trying to achieve the aims set out in the motion and would therefore not oppose it. However, the greatest economic priority was to extract the oil in the shortest possible time. The Government would receive revenue of between £3,000m and £4,000m from oil up to 1980. There was a danger that if the Government tried to increase taxation the companies would pull out.

The congress reaffirmed its opposition to apartheid and pledged support for policies designed to produce majority rule in South Africa and Rhodesia and end the occupation of Namibia by South Africa.

A Civil and Public Services Association resolution was carried recognizing that the British trade union movement could assist those objectives by working closely with the South African Congress of Trade Unions and pressing the British Government to take all possible steps to withdraw investment by British companies in South Africa.

Mr W. L. Kendall, secretary of the CPSA, said that recent events might have given the impression that far-reaching changes were taking place in South Africa. But it was not that but rather a manoeuvring by Mr Vorster and the South African government to consolidate apartheid, not to eliminate it.

In spite of the Labour Government's pledged opposition to apartheid, British investment in South Africa continued to flourish. There should be no new investment in South Africa or loans for companies operating there.

A motion calling for a TUC initiative to bring more closely together the two world trade union bodies, the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, was carried.

Mr F. Miller, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, construction section, said that he was speaking in place of Mr Marsden, the section's general secretary, who died last week and that the motion represented ideals for which Mr Marsden had stood and fought all his working life.

World trade union unity was more important than ever. The differences between the two bodies had become somewhat irrelevant in the light of events and they should not be allowed to be the barrier to world trade union unity.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary, TUC, said the considerable progress made had shown the value of careful preparation. At this stage it was better to build from below and by union centre contracts rat organizational relati tween the two bodies.

Mr Tom Parker, a unionist, of the Nati of the Blind and Di plained that disabled having a raw deal wheel vehicles, which to be dangerous.

He was not askin diversion of scarce material from an esse drive, but was that morally wrong in his instead of laying off ers it would be bet were kept at work t that would meet the disabled drivers?

Calling on the bis the car industry to ass of his proposition, Mr that in times of trad the skills of worki should be used to deeds. He also move tion, later remitted to council calling on the to introduce a disabilit as a right for all blind severely disabled peop restore the special scal employed blind peop original value.

During other social and industrial welfare d congress carried a mot ing all cuts in the soci and particularly in th Health Service. It call Government to increa expenditure, particular velopment of preventi resources.

Mrs T. Broom, Health Association, said addi sources must be made a they were to maintain t and infirm in their m for as long as that was tical choice. Prevention than cure.

Govern pressed save jol textiles

Textile workers' demanded governm help the hard-press footwear industri were made for imp a system of protect rejected by the G and other ministers textile, clothing an dustries was demau the NEC.

The congress cal tion regretting the ment had rejected appeal from the t to control the imp manufactured textil 20 per cent less i ported in 1974. It absence of any policy that would credible alternative Government and th the industry to ma employment and i imported textiles sh imported unemplo

"Such policies control imports of ing, knitwear and from low-cost cou apply quota rest areas of unfair com controls should t nature as to bring these industries, ar burden-sharing of throughout the o countries of the motion continued.

Mr David Lambert, of Hosiery and Kn moving the motion clothing and footw the third largest g dustry of the Unit was losing workers 6,000 a month. In months of this year 1.3 had lost his o proportionate rate faster than in any

Imports had bee the rate of 20 per c Government contin import controls w tailation, but in m was a trade defici lions of pounds such as Hongkong South Korea.

Mr Fred Hague, Amalgamated Uni Workers, said tha used in hospitals should be spun finished in the Ui A purchasing age set up to buy in to be retailed as

Power to over emp houses ur

The TUC is Government to giv ties powers in t housing that rema six months. In general council establish a public corporation to ens demand and the money.

That was decis congress had passe motion reaffirming a decent home is for everyone.

The composite m priority for a mass of public housing h completion targets use of the buildin Mr George Smith, tary, Union of Allied Trades an who proposed the there were more unfit houses in Wales.

The housing pi stagnated since 19 than 400,000 new completed. Last ye only 268,000. Ther than 7,000 children one London author having to spend dividing bed and b temporary measure.

The motion also repeal of section Housing Act, 1974, authorities freedom own levels of expenditure and to to them for improvi In addition it call housing for the el building of council small annexes so who wished to ca parents can do so.

Correction

In the economic Wednesday the Nati Teachers voted agai Jenkins's motion aspects of the counter-inflation po favour as reported yesterday. The unio changed their attit resolution in a brief just before the vot taken.

WEST EUROPE

Portugal's Communists offer link with rival party in face of mounting hostility by the army

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Sept 4

A crucial assembly of the Portuguese Armed Forces Movement (MFA) is still scheduled for tomorrow, in spite of a threat by most of the army delegates to boycott it.

Meanwhile the three main political parties, the socialists, the Popular Democrats (PPD) and the communists are continuing to manoeuvre over the formation of a new government. The communists have given a broad hint that they would be prepared to collaborate with the PPD, and the socialists have published the conditions under which they would participate in the new administration.

President Costa Gomes was understood today to have rejected a request by the Army that the MFA assembly should be postponed until its composition has been reorganized on more democratically representative lines.

The MFA assembly if, and when it is held is expected to bring a showdown between the pro-free left wingers who have backed General Vasco Gonçalves, the pro-communist former Prime Minister, and the more moderate elements who want to slow down the pace of the socialist Revolution.

The moderates dominated the army assembly on Tuesday, pushing through a demand that the proposed appointment of General Gonçalves as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces should be cancelled.

The minority faction among the Army delegates still loyal to General Gonclaves, and totalling about 40, met in secrecy last night and apparently decided to go against the wishes of the majority and attend the MFA Assembly.

General Carlos Fabiao, Chief of Staff of the Army, was today attempting to persuade the moderate majority to accept the President's decision not to postpone the assembly and also to attend it.

Meanwhile the Navy, the most staunchly left wing of the three services, passed a motion apparently by a significant majority at its assembly last night, backing the appointment of Admiral Pinheiro de Azevedo, the naval Chief of Staff, as Prime Minister designate and of General Gonçalves as Commander-in-Chief.

The assembly which met under the chairmanship of Admiral Azevedo, also approved tomorrow's convening of the MFA assembly with its original purpose of reshaping the Revolutionary Council. The Air Force assembly met today to decide upon its stand.

Meanwhile, with the swearing-in of the Prime Minister designate delayed by the President, General Gonçalves is continuing to act as premier. Six days after the announcement that he was being replaced, he presided at a meeting of the Cabinet which passed a law setting the maximum gross monthly wage.

The Communist Party's hint that it would be prepared to collaborate with the Popular Democrats was contained in a leading article in *Avante*, the party's official weekly paper. It said the time had come for negotiations and political compromises to counter the threat of a right-wing coup. The real danger was of a "Chilean-type coup by fascist officers", possibly linked with former President Spinola.

The article added: "The remodelling or foundation of a new government is extremely complex because of the necessity to meet all the needs of the moment and to count on large popular and military support. In present conditions, the solution of the government problem, as well as the solution of the whole crisis, will call for negotiations and compromises."

The article said the Communist Party was ready to contribute to a solution, and it was necessary to set aside party-line, hostile feelings and reservations, however justified.

The Socialist Party's conditions for its participation in a new government include the rejection of General Gonçalves as Commander-in-Chief.

Radio Renascenso, the Roman Catholic station which was also taken over by the communists, should be returned to the control of the Catholic bishops and elections should be held within 60 days of a constitution being decided upon.

The party insists that the communists' representation in a new transitional government should be in proportion to the 12 per cent of votes the communists gained in the April elections.

Men were once seen as courageous heroes but traditional values are changing

Movement for Male Liberation in Italy

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Sept 4

There is little need to read the women's magazines to grasp one of the fundamental changes in Italian society: that men are a long way behind women in grasping the nature of these changes.

The difference is most obvious in the southern cities. Women follow fashions; men are still pursuing the old concept of a man's world which revolves around each one of them individually.

Italian women, especially in the northern towns, have never accepted so uncritically the dictates of the fashion world but one feels, less with an increase in clothes than in feeling part of a developed society beyond the Italian frontiers, that Italian women were regarded as being expert in adapting fashion to suit Italian tastes, if their interests were in dress at all: now they are much readier to adapt themselves to the call of fashion, but for ideological reasons rather than aesthetic ones.

Men, on the other hand, show a glint of fight in the eye as they cling to their traditional values, troubled by what is happening around them.

A sharp blow was struck in a recent interview by a well known television personality, Signora Gabriella Giannoni, who made her name as an extremely feminine angel-faced announcer whose face would seem to fit perfectly into the traditional womanly pattern if at a rather sophisticated level. She did not hesitate to tell her interviewer that it was up to women to change because men could not manage it.

The more advanced women's journals agree. "Remember," writes one of them, "that you have a five-year-old child in your hands."

Men are said to be suffering from a crisis of growth from which they cannot emerge by their own efforts alone. The Italian woman is seen in the meantime as having become hypercritical; they no longer look with adoring and respectful eyes at their men. They pass judgment on his every act and every word. They now feel they can raise any subject with him.

Some men have noticed the signs of the times. One group calling itself the Movement for Male Liberation deliberately sets out to destroy the idea of the patriarchal, strong, courageous, virile hero which traditional mothers like to make their sons believe they are. But, for the majority, the answer will depend on the charity of their womenfolk: "It remains to be seen", as the magazine *Cosmopolitan* points out, "how far the women can help them get over their impasse and give them a hand to lead them towards the discovery of a new identity. "But these after all are days when it is said that Fellini's film of *Casanova* will show the famous lover as failing in his attempts at seduction."

Pope condemns kidnappers

Rome, Sept 4.—The Pope called today for urgent official steps to halt the growing wave of kidnappings in Italy, and said the murder of an abducted 18-year-old Milan girl was an "incredible inhuman atrocity".

The Pope spoke out against the crimes in a message of condolence to the Archbishop of Milan, Mgr Giovanni Colombo. The Pope referring to the death of Christina Mazzotti, killed by her captors after her family had paid more than 1,000m lire (about £700,00) for her return. Her body was found in a rubbish dump near Milan on Monday.

She was one of 44 people kidnapped this year, 13 of whom are still in captivity. In his telegram to the Archbishop the Pope called on the authorities to defend the country against a peril which he termed the work of "obscure, disruptive forces". Kidnapping violated not only divine law but the most elementary human rights.—Reuter.

Tourist killed in Benidorm fall

Madrid, Sept 4.—Mr Peter Mitchely, aged 24, of Tunbridge Wells, fell to his death yesterday when a hoarding round a hole in a road collapsed at the Spanish resort of Benidorm.

Mr Mitchely was returning to his hotel in the early hours after taking a girl friend to her hotel. The hoarding gave way when he leant against it. He fell 30ft and was killed instantly.

OVERSEAS

Timor rebels hijack Australian relief plane

Canberra, Sept 4.—Armed Timor insurgents hijacked a Royal Australian Air Force Caribou transport aircraft tonight and forced the pilot to fly them to Darwin.

The Caribou was on loan to the International Red Cross and had landed at the centre of Bacau to deliver medical supplies for victims of the Portuguese territory's civil war. When it landed 50 insurgents got on board and the pilot was ordered to take off at gunpoint, Mr William Morrison, the Defence Minister, said in a statement.

When the Caribou reached Darwin, the pilot radioed that he had "some trouble", explained what had happened, and was ordered by ground control to circle for 30 minutes while police rushed to the airport.

When the aircraft landed, police drove out and took all 50 passengers to Darwin police station under armed escort.

A Government official said they had been charged with being illegal immigrants. This was a holding charge while the Government and police decided on further action.

The official said the hijackers were believed to be members of the right-wing Timor Democratic Union (UDT) fleeing Bacau in the face of a victory by the left-wing Revolutionary Front for the Independence of East Timor (Fretilin).

Mr Morrison said he had ordered the suspension of all further relief flights by Australian aircraft until the situation was clarified. The Caribou had been made available for humanitarian work in the expectation that the rival factions in the civil war would respect the role, status and markings of the Red Cross, with which the Caribou was painted.—AP.

Macao: The Portuguese delegation trying to restore order in Timor has invited the two rival groups to lay down their arms and hold peace talks, according to an official statement today.

The statement issued in Macao said Fretilin and the UDT had been asked to release all Portuguese prisoners.

The delegation from Lisbon told the two parties that they must reply to the request before midnight tomorrow, according to the Macao statement. If there is no reply, the delegation "will consider other solutions for Timor", the statement said.

Darwin: The captain of a refugee ship which arrived today from Timor said a number of people trying to get on board were killed in the Dili dock area when they were caught in crossfire between the warring factions.

Captain Sydney Hawkes, of the fishing trawler Konpira Maru, said Fretilin forces stormed the few remaining strongholds of the rival UDT in Dili on Tuesday, shortly before he sailed.

Thousands of Timorese surged into the dock area attempting to get on board, he said. Some died when they were hit in gunfire between Fretilin forces and UDT men, who were holding out in a casino. "We got chipped ourselves a couple of times", the captain said.—Reuter.

Gen Spinola in Paris on 'private' visit

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 4

General Antonio de Spinola, the Portuguese head of state from April to September last year, has been in Paris since yesterday afternoon. Three rooms in a hotel have been reserved for him for two days. He has come to Paris under the assumed name of Antonio Ribeiro, a writer, accompanied by his niece and secretary, Senhorinha Maria Luiza Camos Coelho. She is reliably reported to be having contacts with representatives of the Portuguese opposition in France.

The general arrived on board a regular flight of the Brazilian airlines. He was identified by fellow passengers upon leaving the aircraft at Orly. Inquiries after Senhor Ribeiro elicited a reply from the switchboard operator that he was a member of an airline crew who was staying in the hotel but had checked out this afternoon.

There were unconfirmed reports that General Spinola had indeed left. But these were denied by a member of the hotel management, who said that the general had received several visitors this morning and had made many telephone calls. The manager of the hotel had told reporters the following declaration by General Spinola: "I have come to France and to Paris with the greatest of pleasure, and I would like to react positively to the sympathy which the French press has always shown me. But as my journey is strictly private, I have no political statement to make. And on the same private basis, I intend to return to Brazil in a few days' time."

According to reliable reports, he plans to go to Lausanne and to Madrid before returning to Rio de Janeiro.

This is not the first visit of the general to France since his resignation. He had visited Paris and other European capitals, as it was learnt afterwards, and was reported to have met Portuguese political leaders, including members of the Socialist Party. But Dr Mario Soares, the Socialist leader, categorically denied this.

The general's presence in Paris has provoked hostile demonstrations by French communist militants. Members of the Val-de-Marne section of the party demonstrated today in the main hall of Orly South airport.

They marched back and forth carrying placards and shouting slogans like: "Spinola fascist, Giscard, accomplice", they also distributed leaflets reading: "Spinola has come to France under a false identity with the complicity of the Giscard Government. He is coming to Europe to set up bands of mercenaries to provoke civil war in Portugal." After 15 minutes they dispersed. There were no incidents.

Briton kills himself after Malta yacht shooting

Valletta, Sept 4.—A British yachtsman yesterday shot dead an American he suspected of having his wife's lover, attempted to kill his wife and two stepchildren, and then committed suicide, Maltese police said today.

Witnesses said Mr Charles Napier, from Calbourne, in the Isle of Wight, opened fired with a rifle from the deck of his yacht Argonaftis, anchored in Valletta marina, as Mr Bert Synder, with Mr Napier's wife Valerie and their two stepchildren attempted to swim ashore.

They had jumped overboard when Mr Napier grabbed a rifle after a heated argument with Mr Synder on board, the witnesses said. Mr Synder's body was recovered from the yacht harbour. Mrs Napier was hit in the knee by a bullet but managed to reach the shore, and the two children escaped unhurt.

Mr Napier was later found shot dead on the lower deck of the Argonaftis by Maltese coast guards who boarded the yacht from a patrol boat.

Police said Mr Napier had sailed the Argonaftis from Greece three days ago to pick up his wife.—UPI.

Trade union man accused of espionage

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Sept 4

A senior official of West Germany's largest trade union has been arrested on suspicion of spying for East Germany. Heinz Duerrbeck, aged 62, of Frankfurt, a member of the executive of the engineering workers' metalworkers' union, IG Metall, is suspected of having supplied information about the union, the largest in the world, to the East German State Security Ministry.

Herr Duerrbeck is responsible for membership and publicity affairs, and is union representative on the supervisory boards of several large industrial companies.

Britons held on trousers theft charge

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Sept 4

Two Britons were in a Spanish jail last night accused of stealing 98 pairs of trousers.

Clifford Ronald Blowes, aged 29, of Linkside Road, Walton, Liverpool, and Gerry Baines, aged 27, of Saughall Road, Blacon, Chester, were arrested by police in Benidorm after a passerby saw a British-registered car full of trousers.

Police said a car was stolen earlier from a camp site and driven into the plate glass window of a Benidorm boutique, from where the trousers were stolen. The two men are in Alicante provincial prison awaiting trial.

Danish Premier strives for accord on economy

Copenhagen, Sept 4.—Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Prime Minister, met Opposition leaders today in a final attempt to reach agreement on controversial economic measures and avoid the country's third general election in less than two years.

Emergency measures to inject some 1,000m kroner (about £400m) into the economy, were proposed last week by Mr Joergensen's Social Democratic Government as a means of reducing a 5.5 per cent rate of unemployment.

The political crisis reached a head last night when the Prime Minister failed to get the backing of the Liberals, the second largest party, with 42 seats in the Folketing (Parliament) of 179 members.

Though the Social Democrats, who control 54 seats, can expect sufficient support among the other eight opposition parties to carry the measures, they will have to rely on various party permutations.



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Israel and Egypt sign their accord in short, silent ceremony

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Sept 4

The agreement between Israel and Egypt was signed today in the Palais des Nations, without the expected presence of Soviet and American representatives.

The ceremony, devoid of rhetoric, lasted less than 10 minutes. The few words spoken by the chairman, Lieutenant-General Ensio Siilasvuo, the commander of the United Nations emergency force in the Middle East, were confined strictly to procedure.

The signatories themselves said nothing and exchanged neither looks, smiles nor handshakes. The only person they spoke to on entering and leaving by doors at opposite ends of the hall was General Siilasvuo.

He had the four Egyptian representatives at a separate table on his right and the three Israelis at another separate table on his left.

The agreement, its annex and maps were in large sky-blue hard covers. The two sides signed, the copies were exchanged by a United Nations official, and the signatures repeated.

It was confirmed today that Moscow, unenthusiastic about the step-by-step negotiations of the Kissinger shuttles and believed to be irritated at the prospect of 200 Americans with advanced electronic surveillance equipment in Sinai, was not sending a representative for the signing.

More surprising was the subsequent American decision that Mr Alfred Atherton, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, who was already in Geneva, would not attend either.

The aim, it is believed, was to avoid the signing looking politically one-sided, as the United States and the Soviet Union are co-chairmen of the Geneva peace conference. But the degree of improvisation involved hardly seemed compatible with the normal super-power process of keeping each other fully informed on delicate issues.

The Soviet hard line also underlined the two countries' differing roles in the Middle East, in which the United States, through the agreement, has assumed new responsibilities.

The next step for the Egyptians and Israelis will be the military talks, to begin early next week to settle details on the implementation of the accord.

Paul Martin writes from Beirut: President Sadat attacked his Arab critics tonight and accused the Soviet Union of "flagrant provocation" over its boycott of the signing of the Sinai accord.

Mr Sadat accused the Russians of feeding Syria, whose opposition to the Sinai pact poses a number of problems, and the Palestinians, with "a lot of lies" about the accord.

"The Soviet Union is free to do what it wants", he said. "But to give false information to our brothers with the object of blowing up the Arab position, this we will not accept."

Denying that he had concluded anything that amounted to a separate peace with Israel, he said violent statements against the accord would add to the "mountains of waste paper" accumulated on the Middle East struggle.

He said it had pained him that the ruling party in Syria had taken a hostile stand.

Although he has apparently received the support of Saudi Arabia, his principal political and financial backer in the Arab world, and of other Arab states, he is anxious that the unity born of the October, 1973, war should be preserved.

He accused those who had shouted slogans against the agreement of responding spontaneously to "negative attitudes" which had taken root in the Arab world.

Good start in briefing Congress on Sinai

From Fred Emery
Washington, Sept 4

President Ford and Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, today made a good start in marshalling congressional support for the new Sinai agreement and an American role in monitoring it.

Mr Carl Albert, the House Speaker, came away from a breakfast at the White House predicting full approval by the House. "It's a calculated risk but it is worth taking", he said, referring to the proposal to have up to 200 American civilians at early warning stations in the Sinai passes.

Dr Kissinger asked the leaders to try securing a vote in about two and a half weeks.

There was also little complaint over the large amount of aid the Administration has disclosed to be asking of Congress for both Israel and Egypt. Sums of up to $2,300m (£1,095m) for Israel and up to $800m for Egypt, both for this year alone, were attributed to Dr Kissinger by Senator Robert Byrd, the Democrats' deputy leader.

President Ford was evidently satisfied that the congressional drive could proceed without him, for he made no attempt to interrupt further the schedule of his political campaign and left for the west coast. He is to appear in Washington, Oregon and California over the next few days.

Dr Kissinger, who returned late last night, was up early today for the White House meeting. He faces more testing questions at the first session this afternoon of the Senate foreign relations committee.

It is meeting in closed session because, although there are avowedly no "secret agreements" with either Egypt or Israel, a good many undertakings relating to the agreement are not to be published. Some of them apparently will not even be converted to Congress and this is certain to cause some trouble.

These relate not to any formal undertaking by the United States but more, it is said, to assurances either written or verbal which the United States conveyed as mediator, particularly from Egypt to Israel.

Senator Henry Jackson, the Democratic contender, is suspicious, for one. He said that he particularly wanted to hear what written assurances Egypt had given to Dr Kissinger to reinforce those the Secretary of State had in turn given to Israel.

Obviously any commitment of Americans, or of any potential American action is within the purview of Congress. But reporters travelling with Dr Kissinger on his homeward flight said that he was reluctant to pass on all the letters from President Ford to either leader. Equally there is little inclination to share with Congress notes made about oral undertakings.

Our Stockholm Correspondent writes: Senator Hubert Humphrey said today that he wanted to ask Dr Kissinger whether the United States had undertaken any unwritten commitments to achieve a Middle East agreement.

The Democratic Senator told reporters here that he would carefully scrutinize the "fine print" in the accord. "And I want also to question the Secretary of State, on what other agreements might have been made that are not written."

He said that the stationing of American civilians in Sinai "is a risk that we may have to take. The greater risk is the threat of another war."



President Ford and Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, explain the Israel-Egyptian interim agreement, using a relief map of Sinai, to Senator Mike Mansfield (left), the Senate Democratic leader, and Mr Carl Albert, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at the White House

Police fear violenc ANC executive me

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Sept 4

The police will decide tomorrow whether to allow Sunday's executive meeting of the African National Council (ANC) to go ahead.

Delegates are due to confer at the ANC offices in Highfield Township, Salisbury, but there are fears that serious friction within African nationalist groups could lead to violence. On June 1 a total of 11 blacks were shot dead by white police after rioting broke out between the Zanu and Zapu nationalist factions.

Sunday's meeting was announced earlier this week by Mr Samuel Munodawafa, the ANC chairman, after a demand by Mr Joshua Nkomo, an executive member. But Dr Elliot Gabellah, the acting president during the absence in Europe of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, says he will ignore Sunday's meeting and is planning a meeting for September 21 instead. By then Bishop Muzorewa will have returned from abroad.

It is generally accepted that Mr Nkomo wants the meeting on Sunday because the executive might vote to call an immediate congress which could lead to Mr Nkomo being elected president of the ANC. He is believed to have five out of eight national provincial delegations lined up behind him through his Zapu faction within the ANC. Zanu factions oppose his leadership ambitions.

This week Mr Nkomo made his first serious challenge for the ANC leadership and caused a traumatic split in the organization by denouncing his executive colleague, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, and criticizing the formation in Lusaka of the Zimbabwe Liberation Council, called the external ANC.

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Bonn: Bishop M... today there was n... a split between ... moderates and int...

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Namibia conference m compromise over lawy

From Nicholas Ashford
Windhoek, Sept 4

The constitutional conference on the future of Namibia (South-West Africa), deadlocked since Tuesday, has reached a compromise over the admission of Mr Stuart Schwartz, an American lawyer.

He will be allowed into the building where the talks are taking place but not into the conference chamber until his "background, qualifications and integrity" have been checked and approved by the delegates.

Mr Schwartz, who had been retained by Chief Clemens Kapuuo of the Herero tribe must also act as adviser to the full assembly and not just one of the ethnic groups taking part. The same applies to any other independent adviser who may be brought in.

The full conference, which met for two hours this afternoon, its longest sitting yet, also approved the credentials of all 156 delegates taking part. It decided that the chairmanship of the conference should be held on a d... basis in group... order.

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Deep strike against Lebanon

Tel Aviv, Sept 4.—Israel naval and land forces struck at Palestine guerrillas overnight in one of the deepest penetrations into Lebanon.

The raid was on targets near Sidon, 40 miles south of Beirut, and, according to Tel Aviv, it involved a landing by commandos from rubber dinghies.

An army spokesman confirmed that soldiers entered Lebanon and clashed with two Arab guerrilla patrols.

Beirut: A new wave of kidnappings swept northern Lebanon today.

The latest troubles were touched off in Tripoli when a young man from the mainly Christian area of Bechirri was kidnapped.

As soon as they heard about their townsman's fate, the inhabitants of Bechirri kidnapped 16 people travelling through their neighbourhood from the mainly Muslim stronghold of Tripoli.—Reuter.

Syria stops short of barring future talks

In spite of its public rejection of the Egypt-Israel agreement, Syria has stopped short of closing the door to future American sponsored attempts to secure an Israel withdrawal on the Golan Heights. A promise of such steps was made by Dr Henry Kissinger when he held talks with President Assad in Damascus yesterday on the last stop of his Middle East mission.

The Syrian condemnation of the Sinai accord came after a joint meeting of the pan-Arab and national commands of the country's Baath Party. The statement set out the reasons for Syria's rejection of the agreement but was expressed in terms that would allow for future compromise.

The rival Baathists in Iraq lost no time in making political capital out of the situation. A statement issued in Baghdad called for a joint Syria-Iraq command for a northern front against Israel, but it declared that "he who offers his blood has a right to define where his blood should be spilled and for what purpose."

Clearly, the Syrians are upset at the lengths to which President Sadat has gone to secure the Israel withdrawal in Sinai. The principal reason for their displeasure is that the accord has ignored other interested Arab parties, particularly themselves.

The joint party commands said that the agreement accepted by President Sadat had effectively "frozen" military activity on the Egyptian front. This is of the greatest concern to the Syrians, who feel that it would rob them of their only alternative—a recourse to military action—in the event of Israel refusing to make further concessions on the Golan Heights.

President Assad has lessened the power of the militant party ideologue; but his power base is a limited one.

S Africa seeks fair hearing in US

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Sept 4

A complaint that South Africa was not being given due credit both for its initiatives towards its back African neighbours and for the purported efforts o lessen discrimination between its own races has been voiced here by Mr Roelof Botha, the new Ambassador to the United States.

In an attempt to break the ice Mr Botha invited reporters, one of them a black, to his embassy residence. In robust statements, he complained that what he called "the credit to us" was not forthcoming from the American government, the American press, indeed the West in general.

Mr Botha termed such official steps as the ending of segregation at officially controlled eating places, and the racially mixed rugby team that played against the French, "tremendous progress". He went on: "I believe if black Americans could be told exactly what we're doing . . . informed objectively . . . I believe they could support us."

In informal remarks Mr Botha explained that, of course, this did not mean that his Government was ending apartheid or heading for one man one vote, but that certain elements among the country's blacks did not disfavour the idea of separate development.

He emphasized how sincere Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, was in attempting to "come to peace" with black Africa. The alternative was too hideous to contemplate, he said, and this being so he could see no reason why the West should continue its arms boycott.

Mr Botha said his Government believed that African states were increasingly coming to accept South Africa's historic right to exist as a country.

But he adopted a typically defiant note. South Africa would continue with its policies come what may; the United Nations "should keep its nose out" of South-West Africa; and he repeated his Government's announcement that it was now "seriously considering" withdrawing from the United Nations.

President Rodriguez promises reforms in Ecuador after attempted coup

Quito, Ecuador, Sept 4.—President Guillermo Rodriguez Lara said yesterday that his Government will make substantial economic and political changes as the result of the abortive coup early this week that left him still in command. At least 20 people were killed in the uprising.

In a related development, the entire Cabinet has resigned to give the President a free hand in forming a new team and framing new policies. Resignations included those of the 11 ministers, the Chief of the Military Joint Command, the three service commanders, the Secretary General for Administration and six other high officials.

At a press conference for foreign correspondents, General Rodriguez denied that the coup, led by General Raul Gonzalez, former Chief of the General Staff, showed that there was disunity within the armed forces. He pointed out that only two units supported the rebellion, the remainder having helped to repress it.

General Rodriguez rejected the idea of possible foreign influence on the military men and politicians involved in the coup attempt. He said his Government's policies would be clearly nationalistic, with no leanings towards the left, centre or right.—Agence France Presse.

Jane Monahan writes from Lima: No man has bedevilled Ecuador politics more than Señor José Marica Velasco Ibarra. He has been five times President and five times ousted, on the last occasion by General Rodriguez in 1972.

It was Señor Ibarra, from exile in Argentine, who encouraged the rebels who tried to overthrow the Government of General Rodriguez last Monday.

He described the Government as "characterized by weakness, inconsistency and pursuing a policy on oil that is absurd".

It was an accurate description. When the Rodriguez Government began its rule, it looked as if it was following a Peruvian model of development based on social and economic reform. It soon became clear, however, that the model it was basing itself on was Brazil.

Yet, for all the Government's inconsistencies and weaknesses, when Ecuadorians were faced last Monday with a choice between more of General Rodriguez's Government or a return of Señor Ibarra, they opted for a Government that has tried to introduce some changes rather than for one that means no changes at all. Señor Ibarra had miscalculated again.

It seems he was counting on the discontent of politicians who have been criticized recently by General Rodriguez, and on the discontent of private business.

The Government's introduction of draconian measures on August 28 to stop the flight of foreign exchange, had hit private business hard, with a 60 per cent tax increase on all nonsential imports.

But on Monday politicians and businessmen seemed to be waiting to see how the crisis would end before they disclosed their allegiance.

Girl tells of two Kenya trips in year

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 4

One of two London girls charged with conspiring to smuggle foreign currency out of Kenya, Teresa Ann Laws, aged 14, said in a statement read in court in Nairobi today that she had had a previous holiday in Kenya within the past year. Both holidays had been arranged and paid for by a Mrs Sushila Patel of the Mace Supermarket in Woolwich where she had done part-time work.

Mrs Patel is the wife of Mr M. M. Patel who, the statement alleged had given her the articles in which more than £120,000 worth of foreign currency was found when she and Lynn Francis, aged 16, were searched at Nairobi airport.

Teresa's statement added: "I did not know there was anything odd in going for a holiday twice in one year at their expense. I was not aware of the arrangements which M. M. Patel and his wife or brother made regarding the money found in our possession."

She had been lonely on her first trip and had asked this time if she could take her friend Lynn with her. Statements by both girls also said that they had visited night clubs in Nairobi.

The hearing was adjourned

In Brief

Striking scenes at the Met

New York, Sept 4.—Members of the chorus and ballet of the Metropolitan opera in New York are striking in support of demands for a new contract. Plans for the new season, which starts on October 13, have not been affected so far.

Previous contracts expired in August and none of them have been approved yet.

Bible centenary

Tokyo, Sept 4.—Japan will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the distribution of the Bible in Japan at a ceremony here on September 15 with about 600 Christians attending.

Soviet Jews review

Moscow, Sept 4.—The number of Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel has fallen by almost two thirds in the past two years, and applications by Jews to return to Russia are increasing, according to the Novosti press agency.

No presidential break

Buenos Aires, Sept 4.—President Isabel Perón, who was to have taken a month's holiday to recover from the strains of a 12-week political crisis, has now changed her mind.

Olympian despair

Geneva, Sept 4.—Dr George Straschnow, director of the European Broadcasting Union's legal division has "definitely" given up hope for international television coverage of the 1976 Montreal Olympics after the breakdown of talks on transmission rights.

Mixed bathing rejected

Johannesburg, Sept 4.—The City has turned down a demand that its swimming pools should be open to all races on the ground that mixed bathing could lead to friction and even bloodshed.

Frozen ambition

Ottawa, Sept 4.—A Polish yacht carrying 10 men who are trying to repeat Amundsen's crossing of the North-West Passage at the start of the century, is feared to be trapped in ice.

President to wed

Lourenco Marques, Sept 4.—President Samora Machel of Mozambique, who is 41, will marry his Minister of Education and Tourism, Miss Graca Simbine, aged 28, next Sunday.

Torture man 'fed the Fleming cats'

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Sept 4

One of the chief defendants in the Athens torture trial said today that after Lady Fleming's arrest he had sent one of his officers to collect medicine for her from her flat and feed her many cats.

Mr Theodoros Theophyloyannakos, formerly a colonel at EAT-ESA, the notorious torture centre, who has been reduced to the ranks, was trying to persuade the Athens court martial that junta prisoners were treated kindly.

The defendant, who is on trial with 30 officers and privates for torturing political prisoners during the dictatorship, praised Lady Fleming's courage: "Although she was a woman, she refused to give me information. She told me: 'Even if you tear my tongue out I shall tell you nothing'."

Major Anastasios Spanos, another former chief of EAT-ESA, also tried to prove that the staff of the Centre and their prisoners were on the best of terms.

The three officers who commanded EAT-ESA from 1970 to 1974 claimed in their defence pleas today that there had been no tortures at the Centre. Statements to the contrary by privates in the dock who had turned state's evi... been extorted from ... promises that they ... treated leniently, t...

When the judges ... the 128 witnesses fo... cution who had dec... personal experience ... the defendants said ... had grossly exagger... Many of them did ... publicity, others out ... passion, and most h... wanted to justify ... with which they ha... and betrayed their ... in anti-state activitie...

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Chairman Mao supports 'anti-capitulation' drive

From David Bonavia
Peking, Sept 4

Chairman Mao Tse-tung has given his personal authority to the new political campaign against "capitulationism" in China.

Official Communist Party organs disclosed today that he had composed a new aphorism condemning the attitudes expressed in the sixteenth century novel *Water Margin* which is being taken as the latest teaching by "negative example" with reference to modern politics.

Chairman Mao specifically dismisses the novel's hero, Sung Chiang as a "revisionist" and a seeker after the emperor's amnesty rather than a true revolutionary.

An official commentary today points out that Mr Liu Shao-chi, the former head of state, and the late Marshal Lin Piao had wanted to "capitulate" to the Soviet Union.

Chinese intellectuals, in talks with foreign diplomats, have said that they think the main aim of the campaign is to keep up opposition to the Soviet Union. However, it is likely that domestic issues and personalities are also being allegorically discussed.

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Patna, India, S... least 50 people have ... cholera in the flood... of Bihar state, relie... said.

Seventeen people ... have been officially ... dead in floods in t... trict, where more th... lion people were affe... rivers broke their ... days ago. The city wa... with water up to 10ft.

The state Governm... been reluctant to give ... mate of the dead bec... cue operations are st... on; but it has said th... 5,000 people have ch... gastritis. One week a... than half a million ... were stranded on ... There are about 75,000 ... ing in flooded parts ... city.

The Indian Air For... ended an operation ... essential supplies to a... city residents. Each h... is now receiving one l... clean water a day from ... teams.

New York City again faces default

From Peter Strafford
New York, Sept 4

Last-minute negotiations began in Albany, the capital of New York State, today in an attempt to prevent New York City from defaulting on its accumulated debts. City and state representatives held meeting after meeting after an earlier round of talks, which ended at 4 am today, had failed to overcome the differences.

There was some confidence that New York would find a way of meeting the payments that fall due tomorrow, in spite of being $100m (£48.6m) short. But decisive action was felt to be necessary.

This is not the first time that a crisis of this sort has built up. New York has been limping from crisis to crisis for several months. But this time a default by the city is being regarded as a real possibility and preparations have been made to deal with it should it happen.

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Iran defence bill tops Britain's

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

After trebling its budget this year Iran is for the first time spending more than Britain on defence, according to figures published today by the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Only the Soviet Union, the United States, West Germany, France—which also leapfrogged over Britain—and probably China, are spending more than Iran, whose defence budget reached a peak of about £4,954m.

The Shah's awesome re-equipment of his armed forces has continued with orders outstanding for 1,900 tanks and 450 jet fighter aircraft and "significant" purchases of naval equipment. These include six destroyers, three submarines and long-range maritime aircraft from the United States.

The defence budget also trebled in Saudi Arabia, which has 500 tanks and 150 fighter aircraft on order and is acquiring a small coastal navy.

With defence budgets seen as a share of a country's gross national product, however, Israel remains proportionately the world's most profligate spender with 32 per cent of GNP being sunk into its armed forces. The average defence share of GNP in the Middle East last year was 12.4 per cent, compared with 10.6 per cent in the Soviet Union and only 3.5 per cent in Nato.

Commenting on *The Military Balance* 1975-76 the institute says that the continuing sales of advanced armaments throughout the world emphasizes the urgency and difficulty of limiting conventional arms and the scant attention that is being paid to it.

In Africa the Soviet Union supplied aircraft and tanks to Uganda and aircraft, helicopters and landing craft to Somalia, thus making these countries potentially more powerful than their neighbours.

The Military Balance reports that China's nuclear programme has advanced more slowly than expected. No nuclear tests have been conducted since the sixteenth test in June, 1974. One type of intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) with a range of 3,500 miles has still not been deployed.

Dr Christoph Bertram, director of the institute, said yesterday that shipbuilding statistics in *The Military Balance* this year belied alarmist reports of a wide disparity between the navies of the Warsaw Pact and Nato.

The statistics credit the Warsaw Pact with 338 submarines against Nato's 261 in service. But the Pact's apparent advantage lies mainly in the number of diesel submarines rather than in the more significant nuclear-powered.

Nato is shown to have 576 surface ships against the Warsaw Pact's 458. Moreover, Western vessels tend to be larger and include the 18 powerful American aircraft carriers.

The Military Balance 1975-6 (International Institute for Strategic Studies, £1 50).

Laos sentences leaders to death

Nongkhai, Thailand, Sept 4.—Six former rightist Laotian leaders were today sentenced to death in their absence for crimes against the people and for fomenting rebellions, Vientiane radio reported.

The radio, monitored here, added that five others, also sentenced in their absence, were given life terms.—Reuter.

Saigon expels journalists

Saigon, eSpt 4.—An American journalist, Mr Alan Dawson, of United Press International, left Saigon yesterday for Bangkok after being asked by the South Vietnamese authorities to leave the country.

Two Japanese journalists have been asked to leave Saigon in the next few days.

Rapid progress on Everest climb

Katmandu, Sept 4.—A British expedition attempting the first ascent of Everest's south-west face by the direct route is making rapid progress despite bad weather, and has established two high camps, the Nepalese Foreign Ministry said today.

A report received from the expedition's Nepalese liaison officer said that on Tuesday an advance team had pushed Camp 2 to 22,300ft at the foot of the formidable direct face.

Camp I was pitched on top of the treacherous Khumbu icefall at about 21,000ft, according to Keith Richardson, *The Sunday Times* correspondent, who was flown here from Everest yesterday suffering from high altitude sickness.

Chris Bonington is leading the team of 15 climbers, hoping to put the first Briton on top of the world's highest peak—29,028ft. The expedition is already a week ahead of the schedule followed by a ... ese team in 1973.

The Japanese were ... to attempt the south-w... and the only team to cli... mountain in autumn. B... were eventually forced ... the traditional south-eas... route pioneered by ... Edmund Hillary.

Bonington has to get ... the face as early as p... before the jet-stream ... which can reach up to 1... hit the mountain.—Reute...

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ENTERTAINMENTS

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OPERA AND BALLET

…SEUM (01-836 3161)
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
…ight 7 Carmen: Tomor. Tue. and … 7.30. La Belle Helene: Wed. … Madam Butterfly.

… VICTORIA THEATRE 01-834 0671 Opposite Victoria Station.
LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET
… 7.30. Mat. Sats. 3. Tonight & …or: COPPELIA. Next week: Swan … Sept. 15-20: Dances from Napoli, …tual Son (in Ragtime).

SUMMER AT SNAPE MALTINGS
… 4, 6. DON GIOVANNI. Mozart. … 5. HERMISTON. Robin Orr. … 11-19. Course for String Players. Directed by Max Rostal. Sept. 13: Voices & Strings. …nsort & Fitzwilliam Quartet. …en Opus 71 (1st Perf.). Booking … Festival Office, High St., Alde…, Suffolk. Tel.: 072-885 2935.

CONCERTS

…MS 75. Royal Albert Hall (589 …12) 7.30. City of Birmingham …mphony Orch. Louis Fremaux. Jill …omez. Ravel: Alborado del gracioso. …zot: Symphony in C. John …Cabe: Notturni ed Alba. Saint…ens: Symphony No. 3.

…TMINSTER ABBEY ORGAN …ECITALS: 6.30 p.m. Thursdays. …ptember 11 and 25: CHRISTOPHER …ARRICK AND GEORGE GUEST: …kets 60p available in advance from …e Receiver General, The Chapter …fice, 21 Dean's Yard, London …W1P 3PA or at West Door of …bey from 5.30 p.m. on evening of …cital.

THEATRES

…LPHI THEATRE. 01-836 7611 …gs. 7.30, Mat. Thur., Sat. 3.0
JEAN HERMIONE …MMONS GINGOLD
JOSS ACKLAND in
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
Music that ravishes the senses, a … kissed with genius."—Guardian.

…RY 836 3878 Evenings 7.45, Sat. 5.0 & 8.0 …ETURN BY PUBLIC DEMAND … Standard Drama Award 1974 for …BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR … RSC in Tom Stoppard's
TRAVESTIES
…ED SEASON BOOK NOW

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A play of something like genius" … "Anna Massey is brilliant" … Tel.

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HAPPY AS A SANDBAG
A Musical by Ken Lee

…LO. 437 2663. Evenings 8.0 …, Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 …ARGARET ALEC …IGHTON GUINNESS
A FAMILY & A FORTUNE

… Theatre Club. 836 3334. Great …ort St. (adj.) Leics. Sq. Under… …d. Instant temp. Membership … 15p. Evs. Tuesday to Sunday at …NIE ROSS. MIRIAM MARGOYLES
KENNEDY'S CHILDREN
The play is fantastic".—Obs.

…BRIDGE THEATRE. 836 6056. …el DENISON, Derek GRIFFITHS …PRINGLE. Norman BEATON in
THE BLACK MIKADO
…E BEST MUSICAL OF 1975 AND …ABLY 1976 & 1977 AS WELL!" —Sunday Times. …ngs 8.0. Wed., Sat. 5.0 & 8.15.

…ABY ST. THEATRE. Mon.-Sat. …5 p.m. Two by THORNTON …LDER. 229 7382.

…HESTER. 0243 86333. Tonight & …t. 6, 8, 9 at 7.0. MADE IN …AVEN: Sept. 6 at 2.0. Sept. 10 …7.0: OTHELLO.

…PIT. 01-402 5081. Evgs. 7.30 National Youth Theatre in
A SIGHT OF GLORY

…DY. 930 2578. Eves. 8. Sats. …5.30 & 8.30. Mats. Thurs. 3
HAYLEY MILLS
…NCIS LEIGH …HEWS LAWSON
A TOUCH OF SPRING
Directed by Allan Davis …S JOYOUS COMEDY." Ev. News

…RION. 930 3216. Pic. Circ. Air … Evgs. 8.15. Mat. Thu. & Sat. 5. … Stoppard's ROSENCRANTZ … GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD. … brilliant and enjoyable". Time Out. Limited Season.

…RY LANE. 836 8108. Evgs. 7.30 …Matinees Wed. & Sat. 2.30
…MICHAEL CRAWFORD in
BILLY
A NEW MUSICAL
…CHAEL CRAWFORD—A WHOP… WONDERFUL STAGE STAR." … of the World. "HE AND HIS … ARE A TREAT." S. Express.

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…ERTAINING MR SLOANE
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SLEUTH
…HE BEST THRILLER EVER." … Times. 6th GREAT YEAR. …T 8 WEEKS.—Ends Oct 25.

…CK. 836 4601. Mon.-Thurs. 8.15 … Wed. 3.0 (reduced prices) …ri. 8.40. Sat. 6.0 & 8.40. …RD BRIERS "Hilarious."—E.S.
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…AN AYCKBOURN'S FINEST. …EST PLAY."—Harold Hobson

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… NORMAN CONQUESTS
by ALAN AYCKBOURN … MANNERS Tnt., Mon., Wed. … LIVING TOGETHER. Tomor. …u., Th., 8.15 R'ND & R'ND …RDEN Tomor. 8.30, Wed. 3.0.

…WICH. 01-858 7755. Tnt. 8.0. …2.30 & 8.0. MEASURE FOR …URE.

…TEAD. 722 9301. Evgs. at 8.
FANSHEN !

…RKET. 930 9832. Evgs. 7.45. …d 2.30, Sats. 4.30 and 8.0.
JOHN CLEMENTS
…Ronald Millar/C. P. Snow's
…E CASE IN QUESTION
…xcellent evening's entertainment … an enthralling story." …old Hobson. Sunday Times.

…JESTY'S. 930 6606 …8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.0 & 8.40.
HAIR

…ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488. …Th. 9.0. Fri., Sat. 7.30, 9.30
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ROCKY HORROR SHOW
…MUSICAL OF THE YEAR" …ning Standard Drama Award.

ANGEL MARIONETTE …TRE. 14 Dagmar Passage, N.1. … 1787. Sat., Sept. 6th. 11 a.m. …INE POINTED CROWN. 3 p.m. …INE POINTED CROWN. Sun. …7th. 3 p.m. THE NINE …ED CROWN.

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HAPPY END
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…E. 629 3036. Fully air cond. …gs 8.15. Sat. 5.30 & 8.40 …WHITELAW. Barbara FERRIS …d Dinsdale LANDEN in
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HARRY SECOMBE
in a comedy
SCHIPPEL

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ALAN BATES in
OTHERWISE ENGAGED
A new play by SIMON GRAY Directed by HAROLD PINTER

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Tonight 7.30, tomor. 2.30 & 7.30.

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ARTHUR LOWE
JOHN LE MESURIER, CLIVE DUNN in
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A NOSTALGIC MUSIC & LAUGHTER SHOW OF BRITAIN'S FINEST HOUR.

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Song & Laughter Spectacular with Great Company
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"A SHINING GEM" D.M. "This delightful show". E.N. "Full of life and wit". Harold Hobson Sun. Times.

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TALK OF THE TOWN. 1-734 5051. From 8.15. Dng. & Dce. At 9.30 New Revue SWEET TEMPTATION and at 11 p.m.
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CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Av. 836 8861 Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: THE GODFATHER PART II (X) Wk. & Sun. 2.45, 8.00. 2: THE DROWNING POOL (A) Wk. & Sun. 3.00, 5.30, 8.0. (Last 6 days).
ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. The tragedy of Cyprus. Michael Cacoyannis's ATTILA '74 (A). Prog. 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.
ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Miklos Jancso's RED PSALM (AA). Pgs. 2.30, 4.30, 6.35, 8.4.
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CASINO. 437 6877. EARTHQUAKE (A). You'll FEEL it as well as see it in SENSURROUND. Sep. perfs. daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.0. Bookable. Late show Saturday 11.30 p.m.
COLUMBIA, Shaftesbur Ave (734 5414) FUNNY LAD (A). Cont. progs. Wk. 2.30, 5.5, 8.00. Sun. 5.00, 5.20, 8.00. Lte show Sat. 11.00.
CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737 (No smoking & Air Cond.) ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE (AA). Progs. at 1.5 (not Sun.), 4.0, 6.15, 8.30. Late Show Sat. 11.
DOMINION, Tott. Crt. d. (580 9562) THE WIND AND THE LION (A). Cont. progs. Wk. 2.5, 5.00, 7.45, Sun. 2.45, 5.00, 7.5.
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GATE CINEMA. Nott. Hill. 727 5750. Merchant of 4 Seasons (X) 12.40, 4.05, 7.35. Sep. Adm. Retour d'Afrique (AA) 2.5, 5.40, 9.00 Sep. Adm. On Any Sunday (U) and Continental Circus (U) 11.15 p.m.
ICA MALL. 930 639. 7.0 Warhol's 3½hr. 2 screen CHELSEA GIRLS (18+).
LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. 930 5252. See! Hear! Feel! TOMMY (AA). The Film Event of the Year. Sep. Perfs. 1.00, 1.30, 8.00. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. All seats may be booked.
ODEON, Haymarket (930 2738/2771) SHAMPOO (X). Sep. perfs. Wk. 1.15 (not Sun), 3.45, 6.15. Shampoo at 1.35 (not Sun.), 6.50, 8.55. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. All seats may be booked.
ODEON, Leicester Square (930 6111) James Caan ROLLERBALL (AA). Sep. Progs. 1.15, 4.15, 8.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat 11.30. All seats may be booked.
ODEON ST. MARTIN'S LANE—HOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—for information Tel. 240 0071/0073. Box Office enquiries Tel. 836 0691/1811. Walt Disney's LADY AND THE TRAMP (U). Sep. progs Wk. 2.00, 5.15, 8.30 Sat. 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 8.45. Sun. 3.00, 6.00, 8.45. All seats may be booked.
PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898 LANCELOT OF THE LAKE (A) Pgs. 4.40, 6.10, 8.30.
PLAZA 1, Lower Regent St. 839 6494. HENNESSY (AA). Progs. Sep. perfs. daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.15 p.m.
PLAZA 2, Lower Regent St. 839 6494 LADY SINGS THE BLUES (X) Progs. Sep. perfs. daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Sat. 11.15 p.m.
PRINCE CHARLES Leic. Sq. 437 8181 12th Sensational Month ! ! EMMANUELLE (X) Sep. Perfs. Dly (inc. Sun.). 2.45, 6.15, 9.00. Lte Show 11.45. Fri. & Sat. Seats bkble. Lic'd Bar.
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SCENE 2, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. Cont. Perfs. Dly. from 12.30. YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Progs. 12.30, 2.45, 5.05, 7.35, 9.45. Lt. Show Fri. & Sat. 12.05.
SCENE 3, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. Dly. 2.00, 5.20, 8.40. Lt. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats bkble. All Perfs.
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CINEMAS

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EXHIBITIONS

BURGHLEY HORSE TRIALS—Stamford Lincolnshire. THURSDAY SEPT. 11 to SUNDAY, SEPT. 14. Details: Burghley Horse Trials Office, Stamford. Tel.: 0780 52131/2.
DIY EXHIBITION—OLYMPIA. 10 a.m.-8.30 p.m. Last day Saturday.
GLC EXHIBITIONS: Marble Hill House, Richmond Road, Twickenham. Sculptures in a Landscape. Closed Friday, August-September. Rangers House, Chesterfield Walk, Blackheath: The Suffolk Collection. The Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood, Hampstead Lane: Lady Maufe Collection. For further details of all exhibitions telephone: 01-348 1286.
MAYFAIR ANTIQUES FAIR last day today, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Washington Hotel, Curzon St., W.1.

ART EXHIBITIONS

AGNEW GALLERY, 43 Old Bond St., W.1. 01-629 6176. ENGLISH DECORATIVE PICTURES AND PRINTS. Until 19th Sept. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30.
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BRITISH MUSEUM.—Turner Watercolours. Wkdys. 10-5. Suns. 2.30-6.
COLNAGHI'S, 14 Old Bond Street, W.1. 01-491-7408. Prints by Italian and Spanish Artists of the 17th century. A selection from Stock Catalogue No 3 on view Mon.-Fri 9.30-6.
FIELDBORNE GALLERIES, 63 Queensgrove, N.W.8. 586 3600. SUMMER EXHIBITION, inc. new paintings by Norman Adams, Robert Buhler, Ruskin Spear, Carel Weight, Lr. Gallery, LORD METHUEN. Tues.-Fri. 10-6.
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GALLERY 21, 13a Grafton St., W.1. Contemporary works. CLAVE, MIRO, PICASSO, TAPIES and others. 10-5.30. Sats. 10-1. Tel.: 493 5832.
GIMPEL FILS, 30 Davies St., W.1. 493 2488. GEORGE RICKEY, mobile sculpture.
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LEFEVRE GALLERY: Contemporary Paintings and Drawings. Mon.-Fri. 10-5, 30 Bruton Street, W.1. 493 1572/3.
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NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY. Augustus John—Life and Times. Adm. 20p. St. Martin's Place, W.C.2. Wkdys. 10-5. Suns. 2-6.
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End of the Arthurian dream

Lancelot du Lac (a)
Paris Pullman
Rollerball (aa)
Odeon, Leicester Square
Attila '74 (a)
Academy 3

Robert Bresson's *Lancelot du Lac* is an elegy and valediction for the Arthurian legend and the quest for a spiritual ideal. Unaware that Percival (Parsifal), the youngest of the company and the only one pure enough to approach it, has already found the Grail and taken it to Jerusalem, the Knights of the Round Table have expended and exhausted themselves in futile quest and combat.

The film begins as the remnants of the Arthurian brotherhood return to Camelot. Arthur closes the door on the chamber of the Round Table, whose empty chairs will never be filled again. His kingdom is divided; Mordred is already raising a rebellious faction. Arthur asks himself if they have offended God; and Lancelot fears that his adulterous relation with Arthur's Queen, Guinevere, is the cause of the displeasure of the Almighty and the failure of the Quest. There is spying and plotting; knight kills knight and friend slays friend, till Lancelot himself falls upon the heap of armoured corpses washed with blood that represents all that remains of the Arthurian dream.

The whole is overhung with a sense of loss and regret for an irretrievable past: when Mordred's agile, drilled troop of archers fire down their rain of deadly arrows from the trees upon the knights, fatally encumbered with their armour and their nobility, it signals the arrival of a new order to supplant the ossified and obsolete.

"These are", Bresson told an interviewer, "horses, knights in armour, a tournament . . . but as anachronistic as possible." The anachronisms he seeks because "you must put the past into the present if you want it to be believable". Despite the horses and knights he eschews all spectacle: Bresson carries his preferred austerity to its limits. The dialogue is bare and undecorated; the acting is untheatrical and transparent (as usual Bresson uses non-professionals: "Some of my best friends are them"). The images concentrate almost wholly upon mailed fists or legs or hands in huge close-ups, with great stretches of the film shot in near-total darkness.

With Bresson sound plays an integral and concrete role.



Modern and ancient: James Caan in Rollerball and Laura Duke Condominas as Guinevere in Lancelot du Lac

As in *Les Dames du Bois de Boulogne* Bresson tested the reality of an eighteenth-century anecdote against the different reality of modern dress and staging, here he employs his sound to bring the test of documentary reality to the Arthurian myth. The background is never free of sound: the neighing or clatter of horses, above all the unceasing creak and rattle of armour that accompanies every move of the knightly heroes. When Lancelot prepares for love with Guinevere and impetuously strips off breast-plate, helmet and leg armour, they clang to the stone floor like bricks in a tin bath. The tournament and the final holocaust are deafening clangour; the terror of the bowmen lies in the whip-crack of their arrows through the air.

In his fanatical truth to himself, which touches at times on self-parody, Bresson constantly risks ridicule, or would if there were not a quality in him which utterly precludes laughter in disrespect: a solemnity, a dignity, a religious intensity as pure and sincere as the Arthurians themselves. Like them he still can seek in his world and work "Le Graal, c'est-à-dire l'absolu, Dieu".

Rollerball opens with the Bach Toccata and Fugue and an arena that might be a … preparation for gladiatorial contests. The grave senators sit ready to judge, the contestants gather, the roar of motor cycles sounds like lions.

Rollerball is a game somewhere between roller derby, Christians-and-lions and gang war. Half the players are mounted on motor cycles, the others wear spiked mittens, and the object is to place a steel ball of lethal weight in a magnetic goal, in the process maiming or killing as many of the opponents as possible. The rules are infinitely variable.

After *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, this is Norman Jewison's vision of the near future (from internal evidence it seems to be around 15 years from now). The materialist dream world has been achieved, uniting the totalitarian aspirations of both the capitalist and communist worlds. Politics are now a corporate affair, and rollerball is a symbolic substitute for armed conflict. (Earlier this week I wrote about Joachim Kreck's *The Big Clubs* which exposes Glasgow's Celtic-Rangers rivalry as a symbolic sectarian war). All the corporation demands in exchange for the bread, circuses and bland contentment it offers the masses is that no one ever questions.

Of course there is always one man left to question, to assert the individual and human. It is in fact a simple tale, the familiar theme of sci-fi back to *Metropolis*, despite the costly dressing and the confusions of William Harrison's ill-made screenplay.

James Caan is more than usually inaudible in moments of stress: John Houseman goes … of chill patriarchalism. The only serious flaw of logic is that rollerball turns out just not to be a very good game. It'll never catch on at Wembley.

History comes and goes. Cyprus happened a year ago, and is forgotten. So that it is salutary to be reminded that 10 months after the United Nations resolution two-thirds of the island's population are still destitute refugees.

In *Attila '74* Michael Cacoyannis tells the story as a Greek Cypriot. The result is his most memorable film and one of the best records of history in the making. Remarkably, he manages to sustain at once a passionate engagement and a wide historical view—perhaps because he is seeing events always in terms of people, not the politics of offices and maps and conference tables.

The ranks of the homeless are without end: the pretty children who describe coolly (because they cannot comprehend) the murder of their families, or whimper to go home to homes that don't exist; the eternal old men and women, stoically waiting on fate; the angry, the wounded, the mourning, the ghosts who haunt the places where prisoners are returned, forcing every new arrival to look at their pictures of the lost ones, to see if by chance they have been glimpsed, sometime, somewhere.

There are interviews with Makarios, Beatitude indeed, serene, wise, wily, even a comedian as he lurks about the Palace in which he was alleged to have died; and with Nikos Sampson, thick and sweaty and … the CIA, whose intervention no one in Cyprus doubts was the ultimate cause of all the tragedy.

David Robinson

Tough and virile reading

Peter Grimes
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Stanley Sadie

Peter Grimes, which Covent Garden brought to the Proms on Wednesday, is not an opera that lends itself naturally to concert performance. For one thing, its music is closely linked to stage action and may sometimes seem enigmatic or arbitrary without it; for another, its protagonist is too often silent.

I am not of course referring to Peter Grimes himself, but to the people of the Borough, present during the opening scene, present during the final one, and all the while determining, implicitly or explicitly, the course of events. At a concert performance one does not sense their controlling presence, nor is one sufficiently conscious of the force that is embodied in the physical environment, the sea in particular.

Yet I could hardly imagine a performance, stage or concert, in which the musical drama was more strikingly articulated. Colin Davis's reading is not especially atmospheric or lyrical: it is taut and spare, sinewy, almost austere. While the interludes do not lack colour or sense of locale, what they evoke is less a static setting for the action than a live and intense representation of the elements behind it, be it the sea and its storms or the religious devotions of the Borough folk.

It may be that this view of the score is accentuated by hearing the orchestra on a platform rather than from a pit, where the sounds are apt to soften in coagulation, but the toughness and virility of this reading are at least partly a matter of rhythm and attack and phrasing.

The cast, virtually the same as in Covent Garden's new production last July, is headed by Jon Vickers as Grimes. It may be part of Mr Davis's and the producer's conception that he is scarcely a dreamer or a poet, but the lyrical music, in the pub scene and in his hut, comes a shade unnaturally from a Grimes so little visionary. Vickers utters such music, and that of his final scene, without special character. He is most persuasive as the aggressive, ambitious and able man of the sea eager to fight prejudice.

There were many excellent and sharp small impersonations. I mention Norman Bailey's … John Dobson, Elizabeth Bainbridge's ripe and pungent Auntie, Forbes Robinson's pompously blustering Swallow. Heather Harper sang Ellen's music warmly and touchingly.

The triumph of Pan

The work of Johann Liss, or Lys (1597-1629/30) is relatively little known, but much of it is of remarkable quality, so that the exhibition that has just opened in Augsburg (until November 2) and then goes to Cleveland, Ohio (December 17-March 7, 1976) is a revelation of considerably more than art-historical interest.

His life is quickly summarized: born in the province of Oldenburg not far from Lübeck, of parents both of whom were painters, at the age of 19 he went to the Netherlands, possibly, according to his first biographer Sandrart, spending some time in the studio of the Haarlem Mannerist painter and engraver Hendrik Goltzius. By 1622 he was in Rome, where he joined the *Schildersbent*, the society of mainly Dutch and Flemish painters that was a combination of trade union and drinking club, taking the *Bentname* "Pan". On his way to Rome he had passed through Venice, and in 1624 he decided to settle there, dying of the plague five years later.

His style is a unique personal fusion of Caravaggio's naturalism, Rubens's palette and Veronese's opulence. Dr Bruno Bushart, director of the Augsburg Kunstsammlungen and also of the exhibition, has managed to assemble virtually all the artist's known surviving work, not only paintings, but also drawings and related engravings, and it is displayed with elegant clarity in the empty shell of what was once the *Goldenen Saal* of the Rathaus, whose frescoes and magnificent carved and painted ceiling were victims of the Second World War.

The earliest pictures are *genre* scenes very much in the Netherlandish tradition, such as the two versions of *Peasants Quarrelling* (Innsbruck and Nuremburg) and the *Country Wedding*, from Budapest, which even includes an instance of one of Dutch painting's least attractive features, the vomiting peasant syndrome. By contrast, a positively Parisian sense of *chic* infuses the *Studio of a Paintress* and the *Elegant Couple*, in both of which the women wear wide starched lace collars in the manner of Marie de Medici. This latter subject also exists in two versions (Pommersfelden and Bremen), and the visitor is thus very soon confronted by one of the most intriguing aspects of Liss's output, the precise status of the various versions of each composition, in some cases as many as four or five. As a general rule the looser, more painterly version is the prime original, as in the case of *The Satyr and the Peasant*, one of the artist's most influential pictures, the version from the National Gallery of Art in Washington having a warmth of colour as well as a depth of modelling that are lacking in that from Berlin which is much harder and flatter. Occasionally there is a clue which helps to settle the question: in the earlier version of the very Caravaggesque *Soldiers and Prostitutes feasting*, from Nuremburg, a *pentimento* of a cap, later turned into a helmet, does not appear in the Kassel version.



Amor vincit

For the British visitor the most interesting example of this admittedly rather esoteric, if vital, aspect of the exhibition is the juxtaposition of the National Gallery's *Judith* with no fewer than three other versions, from which it is clear that this must be the prime original. The handling of paint is masterly and the modelling, particularly of Holofernes's decapitated body, powerfully convincing. The Budapest version would appear to be the second, that from Vienna the third, as it is flatter and more laboured in execution, even though almost certainly autograph, while the curious landscape format version from Venice, Cà Rezzonico, must be a copy. Yet another, in a private collection is illustrated in the catalogue as not available for exhibition.

Liss's *Judith* is no demure damsel, reluctantly sacrificing her honour for patriotic motives, but a sensual virago whose action seems as much personal as political, and in the same way his *Penitent Magdalen* (Dresden) looks far from unresponsive to the solicitous ministrations of the brawny angel at her side. Here Liss uses drapery to emphasize the structure of his composition, and again, even more brilliantly, in the *Finding of Moses* from Lille, a marvellous picture that was at one time, and with every justification, attributed to Liss's Genoese contemporary, Bernardo Strozzi. Pharoah's daughter has the same, really rather plain, physiognomy as the Magdalen, somewhat heavy-jowled, but the way she appears to be supported by the folds of her brocaded dress, itself held up by an attendant, gives her an extraordinary distinction. Another attendant holds up the infant Moses and acts like a central column supporting the tiny chief protagonist who occupies the exact centre of the composition, which only fails on the right hand side, in the badly drawn figure of a woman striking a conventional pose; she also appears to have one club foot.

No certain self-portrait of Liss has been identified, but it has been proposed that the *Amor vincit* from Cleveland, Ohio, could be the youthful "Pan" himself: certainly the aura of glamorous sensuality that pervades this portrayal of a sturdy adolescent holding an arrow accords with the personality of the artist that emerges from this exciting exhibition. Augsburg can easily be reached from Munich, although the town itself is worth a visit, especially the *Deutsche Barockgalerie* in the Schaezler Palais, whose *Festsaal* in pure late Rococo style, with a ceiling by Guglielmi, happily survived the bombing.

Jeffery Daniels

Putting years on the young Mozart

Israel Philharmonic/Mehta
Usher Hall, Edinburgh

Joan Chissell

In the second of their three Edinburgh concerts on Wednesday, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Zubin Mehta shared the platform with two soloists.

Alfred Brendel, already heard here in a fine Schubert recital at the start of the week, needs no introduction. We are so used to his Mozart with Neville Marriner's little chamber orchestra that even with Mr Mehta's reductions, the fuller Israeli sound in K271 seemed to put several more years on its 20-year-old composer's shoulders. The first movement benefited from this extra weight and dignity, it can easily sound perky when rushed. On this occasion conductor and soloist gave every phrase time to breathe. The C minor slow movement was also treated with searching care and love, but here the burning question was how slow is *andantino*? Mr Brendel and Mr Mehta opted for an adagio approach, all so slow and sorrowful that it even sounded a bit heavy for Mozart. In the finale, however, Mr Brendel threw care to the winds at breakneck speed, that is until the Minuet episode, where he relaxed tempo and tension to a surprising degree.

Daniel Benyamini, soloist in Berlioz's *Harold in Italy*, is the orchestra's first viola and a founder member of the Tel Aviv String Quartet. In a work at the opposite pole to a traditional virtuoso concerto, such a background was ideal. He was a true "melancholy dreamer". The soft music was particularly beautiful (even arpeggios). The orchestra thrived on Berlioz's arresting scoring, just as Mr Mehta did on his inflammable temperament. Both this work and Schoenberg's Variations, Op 31, showed them off to better advantage—in so far as finely etched detail and subtle shading were concerned—than anything in their first programme. But the Schoenberg was tough going for an opener.

It is difficult to recall any morning recital at Freemasons' Hall more enthusiastically received than Itzhak Perlman's on Wednesday, with Bruno Canino as his closely attuned pianist. Mr Perlman's pleasure in music-making was infectious. More important, it was magnificent fiddling, not least in the nonchalant, teasing brilliance and charm of his closing group of miniatures by Kreisler. The centrepiece of the programme was Bach's A minor sonata, done with tone at once pure and rich, never a rasp or smudge in chords or string-crossing, and clean, purposeful part-playing in the big Fugue.

Passage West
BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

The Dream of Freedom, the first of two documentary films on the great migration from the British Isles to North America between 1800 and 1900, was a sad poem full of old songs and old wounds.

Three million Englishmen, five and a half million Irishmen, and a million and a half Scots—10 million people—went to America and Canada in the nineteenth century.

Philip Donnellan made ballads out of the migration, using folk songs and letters written during the time. When the letters were read out they were done in ordinary voices; the voices, for example, of men from the Stoke potteries rather than actors. That was reminiscent of the way in which the brilliant Charles Parker used to work for BBC radio in his series of radio ballads.

On Wednesday it gave an extra edge of reality, the flat untouched voices telling of the low wages and the hard work in the Staffordshire potteries. They were people with real local accents and it is not something one hears so often these days on radio or television. The human voice has been homogenized by television and radio.

Woven through the tale of long-ago migration was the story of John Jess, a Belfast taxi driver, a Protestant married to a Roman Catholic, who was going to Canada to escape the violence of Ireland, just as a century ago other Irishmen went to escape hunger. One saw the Jess family weeping over their son's leaving and then saw old prints and heard old songs full of tears and departures.

The descendants of the Stoke men who went *en masse* to found Pottersville, Wisconsin, seemed happy, prosperous middle-American but a Scottish woman told how her grandmother and father had returned from Canada because things were not as advertised. I suppose that was a pedestrian bit of information, but the film went deeper than that. It had in it an indefinable quality, a real feeling for the sorrow of exile.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

'Best buy' lists will be a double-edged weapon for shoppers

Local authorities and government departments are used to a regular influx of letters that begin: "Dear Sir, I bought the enclosed product in my local supermarket today for 39p, and saw it elsewhere at 26p. No doubt, in view of the exhortations of ministers about the need to fight inflation, you will wish to take vigorous action. . . ."

The reply invariably has to be that there is nothing the Government can do. Although there are many financial controls, they cover only manufacturers' prices and profits and retailers' profits. They do not cover the prices of individual groceries on the supermarket shelves.

The nearest that Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has come to taking direct action in that sphere is to forbid shopkeepers from raising prices by sticking price labels of ascending value on top of each other.

Now the Government wants to ease the frustration caused by price differentials, not by direct regulation of prices, but by telling shoppers where the best bargains are to be found. Ministers are so acutely aware of the effect of price exasperation on wage agitation that they spoke at length in the anti-inflation White Paper about the need to encourage work on local price comparisons.

Mrs Williams rejects the concept of "shopping around" that was so eagerly adopted by her Conservative predecessors. She wants shoppers to be told where the best buys are instead of being told to look for them.

Her department has sent chief executives of local authorities a confidential blueprint of lists to be displayed at the end of each week in shopping parades and public buildings throughout the country. She is offering the authorities and in some cases consumer groups up to £1,000 a year towards expenses for compiling the lists.

She wants the lists to cover at least five supermarkets, two greengroceries and two butchers' shops in each centre each week, and to include 20 groceries, eight meat lines, five vegetable varieties and three of fruit. The lists have been agreed after much pressure from the trade.

The letter with the blueprint says: "The lists to be displayed will need to be kept as simple as possible, both so that they can be readily assimilated and to minimize the work involved." But as a result of trade pressure the department has had to make the material less simple and harder to assimilate. This is shown by the tables, which reproduce a small part of what might have been and what will be.

The list proposed originally by the department was much more sparse than the one which will soon appear in large towns. For one thing Mrs Williams's officials had failed to observe that one brand of, say, instant coffee would not always be given the lowest price in every shop.

The department therefore had to allow for more than one brand to be quoted as well as "own label" products. Other small changes were made including the addition of "cod" to fish fingers to distinguish them from the cheaper varieties that are not always made entirely of cod.

But the most notable addition after the trades had had their say was the prominent disclaimer at the top of the list about cheapness not necessarily indicating the best value for money. Shopkeepers were determined to get that bit in at the top of each section—groceries, meat, and fruit and vegetables.

How useful will the lists be, bearing in mind that those published will be about four times as long as the "After" snippet shown here and that they will cover more shops?

Although the scheme makes many assumptions about the intentions of shoppers, it will be of great use to those with so little money that they have no choice but to buy the cheapest varieties of everything. The greater the degree of choice, the less valuable the list is likely to become.

If the lists are widely read—and the department is pressing for maximum publicity by local newspapers and radio stations—they may influence the pricing policies of shops. Since the cheapest "shopping basket" total on the list will be underlined each week, supermarket managers may strive to reach that figure by concentrating their heaviest price cuts on the items on the list.

That would lead to the concentration of promotional cash on items that were important to low-income families. But if managers do concentrate their main competitive power on listed items, those not on the list will be cut less often than before. The outlook is grim for those who like their frozen cod without breadcrumbs and their soup from a packet.

Hugh Clayton

Before

Prices collected . . . September 1975 . . . somewhere in England

Item	Quantity/ size	MacMarket	Sainsbury	Safeway
Flour, self-raising	3lb	17½p	16½p	16½p
Butter	½lb	13p	13½p	13½p
Tea, Lyons Quick Brew and (own brand)	¼lb	9p (8p)	10½p (7p)	10p (8p)
Instant coffee, Nestlé, and (own brand)	4oz	41p (30p)	39p (31p)	39p (30p)
Fish fingers, frozen Birds Eye and (ob)	pack of 10	32½p (31p)	31p (29p)	31p (25½p)
Canned Soup, tomato Heinz and (ob)	15½oz	14½p (11½p)	14p (12p)	14p (10½p)
Total including named brands where specified		£1.27½	£1.24½	£1.24
Total including "own brands" where cheaper		£1.11	£1.09	£1.04

After

Prices collected . . . somewhere in England . . . September 1975 by H. Clayton

Note: No account has been taken of quality in compiling this table. Consequently the lowest price does not necessarily indicate the best value for money.

Flour, white self-raising Homepride or McDougalls and (own brand)	3lb	M21½p (17½p)	M21½p (16½p)	H21½p (16½p)
Butter	½lb	13p	13½p	13½p
Tea, Lyons Quick Brew and (own brand)	¼lb	9p (8p)	10½p (7p)	10p (8p)
Instant coffee, Nestlé Nescafé or Birds Mellow and (own brand)	4oz	N41p (30p)	N39p (31p)	B35½p (30p)
Fish fingers, frozen cod, Birds Eye or Findus and (own brand)	pack of 10	B32½p (31p)	B31p (29p)	B31p (25½p)
Canned soup, tomato, Heinz or Crosse & Blackwell and (ob)	approx 15½oz	H14½p (11½p)	H14p (12p)	H14p (10½p)
Total including named brands where specified		£1.31½	£1.29½	£1.25½
Total including "own brands" where cheaper		£1.11	£1.09	£1.04

The Times European shopping basket

Pigs appear to have become dearer in much of Europe. The price of good pork chops in London is climbing towards those in the Benelux cities, where the British usually expect all food to cost much more than at home.

But London butter in which to cook the chops remains by far the cheapest of all. Even without the Government's subsidy our butter would cost less than anywhere else, except perhaps Dublin.

Yet most of the butter sold in London is made either in New Zealand or EEC countries other than Britain. Community restitutions and the desire of each nation's producers to carve out a firm foothold in the British market make it possible and worth while for Dutch, German and French creameries to sell butter in Britain for less than they charge their own consumers.

September 5, 1975	Rumpsteak	Pork chops	Potatoes	Butter	Margarine	Cheese	Chicken	Fresh cod		Eggs	Milk
Bonn	0.83 +11	0.70 +2	0.08 +1	0.82 +14	0.38 +3	0.43 +1	0.31 −2	0.45 +7	0.07		0.11
Brussels	1.66 +9	1.16 +4	0.05 −1	0.69	0.37 +1	1.17 +4	0.41 +5	0.59	0.28 +1	0.11	
Copenhagen	1.54 −15	0.81	0.05 +1	0.64	0.25 −1½	0.79 +12	0.41 −5	0.73	0.15 +3	0.08	
Dublin	1.72	1.50 +3	0.09 −2	0.71	0.31 +4	0.80 +4	0.42	0.66	0.24	0.10	
Geneva	0.75	0.88 +2	0.05½ +2	0.37	0.31	0.52	0.36	0.59 −1	0.11½	0.06 −2	
Hague	2.45 +4	1.43 +15	0.07 +1	0.98 +6	0.41 +1	1.05 +2	0.46 +1	0.81 −7	0.22	0.12	
Luxembourg	1.10 +2	0.76½	0.06 −1	0.57	0.17	0.72	0.46	0.76½	0.16 +7	0.08½	
Oslo	1.38 +3	0.76 +1	0.03	0.60 +2	0.30 +2	0.79 +4	0.41 +2	0.65 +7	0.16	0.09	
Paris	2.34 −1	1.11 −1	0.09 −6	0.41 +1	0.21	0.69	0.93 −2	0.52 −8	0.17 +2	0.08 −1	
Rome	1.16 +31	0.83 −17	0.06 +2	0.63 −15	0.28 −2	1.12 +16	0.55 +2	0.96 −9	0.14	0.10 +2	
Stockholm	1.46 +10	0.97½ +8½	0.06½	0.97½ +5½	0.48½ +4	0.91 +1	0.42 +6	0.81	0.14 +½	0.10½ +3½	
Vienna	1.24 −29	1.05 +2	0.12 −1	0.66 +1	0.41 +1	0.78 −5	0.65 −3	0.83 +26	0.30 −7	0.09 +1	
	1.27 +4	0.89 −4	0.08 +1	0.71 +9	0.18 −5	0.68 +9	0.43 +2	0.74	0.10	0.10 +2	

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Vindicating the volunteer

Voluntary social service organizations have not usually been taken very seriously. There are *exceptions* like the Citizens' Advice Bureaux, but most organizations that depend principally on voluntary effort appear to be valued for their contribution to social cohesion or national morale rather than any significant contribution to meeting social need. Only rarely are they seen as possible substitutes for statutory services, or potential complements to them.

But when the growth of government expenditure has been halted in virtually all sectors of the social services, it is worth taking a closer look at the assumptions underlying public policies toward organizations using volunteers. It is possible that effort could be tapped more effectively than it has been in the past and that the total resources available to meet social needs could be increased.

Volunteers are often believed to be *intrinsically unreliable*—because they are volunteers they can come and go as they please; *inappropriately motivated*—personal needs may take precedence over those of the client; *lacking in crucial skills*—they are unlikely to be professionally trained and may not be able to cope with other than routine tasks; and a *volatile form of manpower*—turnover is likely to be high.

Some voluntary organizations may also be regarded as incapable of organizing volunteers in such a way as to minimize these dangers. A final and perhaps crucial objection may be raised: voluntary effort could be encouraged in order to avoid public responsibility for the provision of adequate social services.

With the possible exception of the last point, all the criticisms noted could in principle apply with equal force to some statutory services, but despite the lack of hard evidence they have lowered the stock of the volunteer. There have been very few systematic studies of the effectiveness of volunteers in the social services even though some of the arguments can be put to the test.

Our own study of voluntary work with the elderly, published yesterday (*Across the Generations: Old People and Young Volunteers*: Allen and Unwin, £3.95 paperback), although restricted to one organization and one type of social need, provides a detailed picture of the work of one of the largest voluntary bodies of its kind as a basis for assessing the contribution of the volunteer.

The subject of our study was Task Force, a London-based organization that mobilizes young volunteers in the service of elderly people. When we studied the organization in the early 1970s, it employed a full-time staff of about 45 and it claimed that some 8,000 volunteers were helping 11,000 old people through decorating projects, practical jobs, and social visiting.

What emerged from our analysis? There were problems and defects, but the volunteers were not found to be overwhelmingly unreliable or ineffective. Despite the scepticism to be found among many professionals the statutory services were a major source of referrals. The old people referred were not "easy" cases or the marginally needy: in the main they were drawn from the most isolated and lonely sections of the elderly population.

Using a stringent notion of success, we found that while many relationships between old people and volunteers came to little, more than one in five proved to be highly successful.

In some cases the volunteers came to be seen as a friend and an equal.

Other successful relationships seemed to be modelled on family roles.

A third basis for success was where the old person was physically or mentally sick and the volunteer was willing to adopt a caring role. A number did this with great devotion and became principal sources of practical and psychological support despite their lack of training, remuneration, or professional support.

These successful relationships were a minority, but by no means all the other allocations were failures. A further two-fifths contained an element of success: the visits did not become very important to the old people and in most cases they did not last more than a few months, but they were generally appreciated. The remaining two-fifths had to be classified as worthless or, in a few cases, as actually damaging for the old people.

Our study suggests that in several important respects the stereotype of the volunteer outlined above might need to be revised. In the particular organization we studied a substantial number of the volunteers were reliable, remained active for a long period, performed difficult tasks with sensitivity and skill, and offered a type of support that cannot be provided easily by professional workers. This achievement is all the more noteworthy because the volunteers were generally very young—and therefore perhaps most suspect—and because their organizational support was often inadequate.

But there *was* a high wastage rate among volunteers. A number gave up after the first meeting with their old person and more than half had given up by the end of six months. Some seemed to be poorly motivated, taking up the work to escape school, or out of boredom, rather than from any real concern for old people. Some exhibited inadequate social skills and seemed incapable of responding to the needs of the old people.

The organization could be criticized for its failure to deal with these inadequacies. Task Force gave volunteers no training, made little attempt to screen out those with poor motivation, and its allocation procedures were often haphazard.

When a relationship failed the organization was usually slow to respond and it was often months before a reallocation was made, if at all. Had the methods of organization been improved, the success rate could have been increased.

The general lesson to be learnt from the research is that a delicate balance has to be struck between harnessing the energy of volunteers at relatively low cost and ensuring a good quality of service. It must not be assumed that volunteers are a means to "welfare on the cheap". They can be organized to make an effective contribution at a substantially lower cost than for professional workers, but this does not mean that professional or statutory services can be replaced at minimal cost by using volunteers.

Two points must be considered. First, volunteers can work successfully in the most difficult circumstances, but they are usually to be seen as a complement to and less frequently as a substitute for an adequate range of professional and statutory services. Second the organization of volunteer work requires sufficient resources for supportive roles. This implies a need for close cooperation in planning between statutory and voluntary services, the development of unambiguous criteria of good and poor quality care (by professional staff as well as volunteers), adequate monitoring procedures to encourage good quality care, and a careful analysis of the resources that need to be devoted to the utilization of volunteer effort.

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SPORT

Rugby Union

Knockout competi to be sponsored for next three yea

The Rugby Union's national club knockout competition received a boost when it was announced yesterday that John Player would sponsor the tournament for the next three years, at least.

The Nottingham tobacco company will contribute over £100,000 and the winning team each year will receive the John Player Cup. This is the title under which the competition will, in future, be known. This is the first time that the Rugby Union have accepted sponsorship at senior level, though school and youth facilities have been supported by commercial organizations recently.

It has not been decided where the money will go. Mr Tarn Bainbridge, the Rugby Union's new president, said yesterday: "The money will be used to the best interests of rugby in England as decided by the committee of the RFU. We have not yet considered how to distribute the money but the detail should be worked out at a full committee meeting later this month. The Rugby Union has complete control over distribution and I am surprised if it did not consult clubs concerned."

A John Player spokesman said that one of the company firm's policy was to support sport as a whole. His statement this becomes even more significant when the participants in The John Player Cup receive tremendous support from the public and the good will of the game throughout the country.

The competition will be in its fifth season, but it has not been recovered from humble beginnings in its early days. The first two years were ruined as sponsorship by injuries to players and bad weather until last April when the final of the occasion was played when Bedford beat Rosslyn Park.

The preliminary rounds of the four competitions sponsored by John Player have captured public interest and the first matches have been played over the autumn weekend. Until last season the knockout competition was an attempt was made to introduce the second round

Athletics

Wolverhampton favou to win Pye Gold Cup

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Wolverhampton and Bilston Athletics Club are firm favourites to win the men's Pye Gold Cup at Crystal Palace this evening (6.30) and tomorrow (1.20) when nearly 50 British internationals will turn out for their clubs in this and the women's cup finals.

The Midlands club, who have already won the national league this season, can call upon outstanding talents in the sprints, including Halliday, Kennedy, Aukett and Chivers, as well as the Tancred brothers in the throws and possibly the British record holder Michael Bull, in the pole vault. Wolverhampton were cup winners in 1973, before Pye became sponsors, but last year Cardiff gained the trophy, six points ahead of Wolverhampton, as well as the league championship.

The other clubs in the men's final this weekend are Bristol, Cardiff, Hingdon, Edinburgh AC, Thames Valley, Edinburgh Southern and Sheffield. The last is the only non-national league club to get this far thanks to the motivation of the former Olympic medal winner, John Sherwood, who will be competing in the 400 metres hurdles seven years after he finished third in that event in the Mexico Olympic Games.

Among Sherwood's rivals will be Peter Hoffmann, of Edinburgh AC, who did so well in the European junior championships in the 400 metres flat and has a best time this season of 47.27sec. Hoffmann has run the 400 metres hurdles only once this year, in a minor meeting with a time of 54.2sec, an obviously can improve considerably. But the fastest hurdler in the field will be Stewart McCallum, whose 51.39sec is behind only Alan Pascoe and Bill Hartley in the British rankings list.

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The meeting wi hearted relay Pascoe because he that it will stimul the Save the Ch the two-day me public support i vibrant inter-club just as important international vic worthy cause will

Motor cycling

McClements sets Manx GP race and lap records

Sam McClements, a 28-year-old foreman motor mechanic from Bangor, broke the race and lap records when he won the Senior 500cc Manx Grand Prix motorcycling event on the Isle of Man yesterday.

McClements, riding a Yamaha, took over the lead on the second lap with a record 102.68mph. He went even faster next time round and pushed the record up to 103.10mph to take a firm grip on the race. He steadily increased his advantage to win by almost a minute from Keith Trubshaw, a 26-year-old telex engineer from Liverpool.

McClements averaged 101.04mph for the six-lap 226½ mile race to take nearly six minutes off the two-year-old record. Trubshaw averaged 100.11mph and the third man, Jack Findlay, also from Liverpool, averaged 99.41mph.

SENIOR 500cc GRAND PRIX: 1, S. McClements (Yamaha), 2hr 14mm 28.4sec (101.04mph); 2, K. Trubshaw (Yamaha), 2:15:5.2 (100.31mph); 3, J. Higham (Yamaha), 2:16:27.6 (99.41mph); 4, L. Taylor (Suzuki), 2:17:55.2 (98.82mph); 5, R. Burrows (Yamaha), 2:17:57 (98.46mph); 6, P. Nott (Yamaha), 2:18:13.6 (98.26mph).

Water skiing

Britain's hope ma have to r

Paul Seaton, th pion who was ta after badly injuri the world water s ships at Thorpe, S nesday, may never in the jumps, at w held the world re year.

Seaton, who had the end of a 16 operated on in Ch He had the car from his right k ligaments stitched. chairman of the c mittee, said W Seaton would not b again.

MEN'S SLALOM: F Point (US), 92; ho 3, R. Zucchi (Ita 5, R. La Point (US 6, M. Bayerhoud (US equal 7, M. Hasek McCormick (US), 2

WOMEN'S SLALOM 1, L. Shetter (US 1, L. Shetter (US), Stahle (Netherlan 3, F. Terracina (Ita 5, M. Morse (GB); Wright (Australia), 2

Rugby League

Top eight to contest premiership

Rugby League's top eight first division clubs will take part in this season's premiership competition, it was announced at the League's headquarters in Leeds yesterday. Last season the top 12 first division clubs and the top four second division clubs took part.

The semi-final round will be on a two leg basis in the hope of attracting bigger crowds and creating more public interest. The final will be on May 2.

Boxing

Title defe by Needh

David Needham, c will defend his k weight boxing title Maguire, of Belfas Sporting Club, Lond 20.

This will be the th to have been held Sporting Club and best, for when these the vacant title at N December, 1974, th one of the finest l year.

Rifle shooting

BISLEY. Competition three Class X: R. Dagger, Springfield, Inf; A. St George Tucker, Dickenham, 3pts. Class A: J. L. Rosier, Lenabury, Inf; M. V. Dugnale, Bournemouth, 3 pts. Competition four 60 yards: R. Dagger, 3pts; A. St G. Tucker, 3pts, Class A: D. W. A. Finnegan, Worplesdon; W. G. Bourne, Wheathampstead and G. T. G. Lee, Ramsgate, 2pts. Competition five 50 metres: G. R. Walker, Birmingham, 4pts. Class A: Lieut R. Warwick, Ham and Petersham, 3pts. Competition six: 50 metres: J. C. Palin, Maidenhead 2pts; J. W. Craven, Billingham, 3pts; R. Dagger, 3pts; I. Boxall, CSD Dennington; E. Holman, Wimbledon. Competition seven: Tie Class X: R. V. Pa Sank, 4 pts, 100 yards Allan, Londonderry, 4pts; point: J. T. Brickles 100, 2nds; P. H. Kirsop 100, 3rds, 98 pts. Class A: Fleet Bristol, 1 pt. 2 metres: R Dagger, Sri Spooner Cup: City of 25 pts, Lenabury Cup: Sea Devils, City of Londo Cup. Amended result: Ham A 1, Billingham 3 headquarters Signal Regt

Yachting

BRUNNEN, Switzerland: European Tempest championships: Leading overall placings (after third race): 1, Trebitzsch and Wagner (West Germany), 14.7pts; 2, Viking and Doreen (Ireland), 16.0pts; 3, Nebel and Lohmann (West Germany), 21pts.

LA ROCHELLE: World Fireball Championship: First race: 1, Blackwell and Treadwell (GB); 2, Jallusseau and Guy (France); 3, Gault and Gault (France); 4, Hosier and Hooper (Australia); 5, Mills and Bongers (South Africa); 6, Ellis and Ellis (GB); 7, Sandy and Rafellis (GB); 8, Davis and Moulder (GB). Leading overall placings: Ellis and Ellis, 20.4 pts; 2, Davis and Davis 29.6 pts; 3, Morgenrood and Lapham 36.7 pts; 4, Blackwell and Treadwell 38.0 pts; 5, Meek and Bongers 37.7 pts; 6, Davis and Moulder 46 pts.

LOOE: National Fleet championships: 1, Rint 2, North Lince SC; 3, Co Barker, Deer SC; 4, Ri Neale, Otters Mary SC; 5, M. Marshall, Looe SC; Birchwood (B) Rivers, Christchurch SC; 8, Co (N. Killin, Dinas Powis with discard: 1, Patti McNamara, Grimsby and SC; 2, Rebecca Baker SC; 3, Ides of March, Cat B, Harry (B) Rel SC; 5, Jane Sargent, and Vanessa Hall.

WHITSTABLE: Nation championships: 1, Rint Locke 13; 2, Knight, Bri 3, Natters (R. Prince Cremlin (W. Bowen Ferry (... Limbo (... Whitstable SC; 3, Minotaur Ghipstead, 6, October (... Tamesis).

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Tennis

Defeat must no longer surprise Mrs Court

n Rex Bellamy
is Correspondent
st Hills, Sept 4

rgaret Court, five times pion, was beaten 6—2, 6—4 Martina Navratilova, 15 years junior, in the quarter-final 1 of the United States tennis pionships under floodlights evening.

one time Miss Navratilova d like winning even sooner. was serving for the match at Mrs Court then began to nto the match and it seemed a third set might be neces- But when Miss Navratilova serving for the match again, -4 and 30—all, she had the of luck that even good s sometimes need. She hit ehand that bounded off the ord and left Mrs Court help- stranded. So the Czecho- stood at match point—and tly hit a fine service that Court could not return into

knew that Miss Navratilova apable of playing brilliantly ile and aggressive tennis, e doubted whether she yet he competitive maturity to in her game at its peak start to finish against such uished opposition. She and she did. She hit her strokes with great power. Court stayed back, she had er a lot of ground quickly. went forward, she did so awareness that she might varted by a passing shot or to volley under the most pressure.

Navratilova could lob, too, s Court was presented with cal dilemma that she could solve. She had to hope that Navratilova would falter and never happened. Basically, Czechoslovak's game was on power and length. The to be drawn from the a sad one for a great who has won more big than any other player of sex, was that the passing had left her vulnerable to players than used to be the Mrs Court will be reluctant ept this. She is a perfec- to whom defeat has always in intolerable consideration. s why she has achieved so But accept it she must.

pairings in the semi-final are, therefore, Christine v Miss Navratilova, whom at in the Italian and French and Evonne Cawley v ia Wade. Mrs Cawley was t player to beat Miss Evert and that was back in 1973. then, Miss Evert has won secutive matches on clay, only five sets. But she was tough match yesterday by Reid, formerly Miss Mel- whose tennis was shrewdly red and for the most part played, yet earned her ree games. There can be casions on which Mrs Reid de such an admirably sus- mental and physical effort ayed with more skill than now.

y we settled down to the -final round of the men's Connors v Pattison, Dibbs , Nastase v Orantes, and v Vilas. There are lots of in tennis who are more ted in what happens oft than on it. They made a uss yesterday when it was ced that the professional council had fined Nastase £4,000 for allegedly "not after the first set of the Canadian final in Toronto. is appealing against the If he pays the fine, which alent to his singles prize in Toronto, the money levoted to Canada's junior nent programme.

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...en's singles

round Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) rs M. Court (Australia), ...
V. Wade (GB) beat Mrs K. aus (West Germany), 6—3.
Cawley (Australia) beat Miss amatsu (Japan), 7—6, 7—5.
Evert (US) beat Mrs G. E. Australia), 6—4, 6—1.

...rdon makes ...ress

ourdon, of Bromley, who to add the British junior rt title to the grass court ship he won five weeks hed the semi-final round edon yesterday. He beat oodman, of Prestwich, 4, 6—2 and now meets ier, of Essex, for a place al.

n, 6ft 2in tall, has made ress since the beginning ar and is considering a tennis

ROUND: P. A. Bourdon P. Goodman (Lancashire) 4, 6—2: C. Bradnam beat M. R. West (Hert- 6—1, 6—4; C. J. Kaskow at W. J. Gowans (Oxford), 1; N. A. Rayner (Essex) Sears (Sussex), 7—6, 5.

ROUND: J. M. Durie shire) beat J. G. Pot- rey), 6—3, 3—6, 6—2: inson (Yorkshire) beat J. Surrey), 6—3, 6—3; M. beat A. P. Cooper (Kent), 1: D. A. Jovans (Essex) Drury (Lincolnshire), 6—4.

Golf

Of 10 Ryder Cup men who went to Lindrick only two remain

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

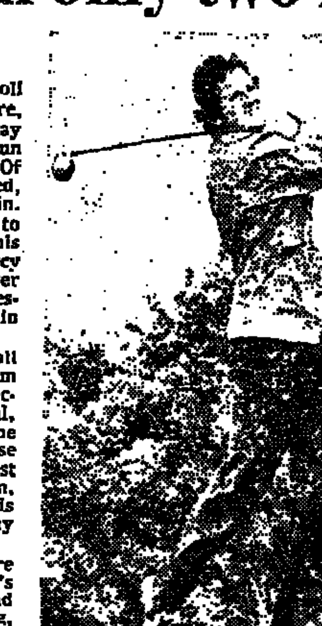
Crown heads continued to roll in the dust at Lindrick, Yorkshire, yesterday, when the matchplay championship sponsored by Sun Alliance reached the last 16. Of 10 Ryder Cup men who started, Wood and Darcy alone remain. Horton had a special incentive to do well here in order to justify his inclusion in the team, and Darcy must be enjoying his revival after his early successes this year. Yesterday, in particular, he was in sparkling form against Small.

Coles played close to par all day; in the morning it gave him an easy victory, but against Hector, very much a club professional, he had a harder time of it. One down at the turn, he got his nose in front at the 12th, but he lost the 16th and 17th to let Hector in, raising doubts again as to his staying power at the end of a day involving two rounds.

The hazards of matchplay were well demonstrated by Townsend's defeat of DeFoy. The winner had to lean heavily on his putting, and on his own admission his play until the last few holes was inferior to DeFoy's. He had not even rated it highly in his second round match against the veteran, Rees: "He hit the ball better than me most of the way; I really beat him out of the bunkers, getting up and down in two while he could not hole the putts."

Round the turn, where I first saw him against DeFoy, Townsend was simply hanging on with his putter, holing well for halves at the ninth and tenth and then rolling one in from 10ft on the beautiful surface of the 11th to square the match. His five at the 12th, which put him behind again, showed that he was at odds with his long game, and it seemed as though he would never take his chance to close the gap.

He missed the 14th green after DeFoy had left it open for him and he just failed to find the narrow gap which would have enabled him to drive the 15th green (362yd). The chance to square the match came in the most unexpected way. Townsend mis-hit his second to the 16th and finished so wide that he was un-



Darcy: enjoying a revival.

playable in a gorse bush, and still one down.

DeFoy, from a good drive, hit his long iron into the quarry on the left; the ball only trickled over, but dropped 30ft and one pictured DeFoy being lowered by breeches buoy to play it. He had to drop away from the vertical bank, found the edge of the green, but took three putts. Townsend, who had also dropped out, won the hole in six, and immediately seized his chance by firing a four-iron to five feet and holing the putt to take the lead for the first time.

It had not been inspiring play, nor was the golf of much of the rest of the day. The one exception was a great match later in the evening in which Polland turned the tables on Horton, winning five of the last six holes and the match on the last green after Horton had stood four up on him after 12, having reached that point five under par. But generally speaking conditions are getting harder all the time and do not reward the attacking golfer. This hardly makes an ideal preparation for the Ryder Cup team, but so rapid a dismissal of such a large number of them will do nothing to help an already shaken morale.

Conservative golf that does not become cautious is called for, and conditions have suited such players as Butler, Shade and Mason. Wood was the first of the two remaining Ryder Cup men to reach the last 16 and make sure of £400 prizemoney. But it was not a glorious piece of golf that got his nose in front at the seventeenth; in fact, with an iron off the tee, he played the hole cautiously, which he was hardly in a position to do, being one down.

He won the hole because Hooker's second kicked off the bank of the green and finished under the hedge, from where he had to drop out. Wood won that hole in five and then, reprieved as Townsend had been, hit much the better tee shot to the last hole.

Each year when the matchplay championship comes round we look up Shade's record again, for he usually forces his way into the news. In the morning he disposed of Snell, not always an easy task at Lindrick, where Snell plays so much. And then defeated Barnes in a spectacular match in which Shade went out in 32 to 34 and was two up.

Barnes, four down by the fourteenth, won that hole with an eagle three and the fifteenth with a birdie, but Shade had the better of the argument round the sixteenth green. Shade this morning meets Foster, who maintained his steady form and has a great chance to reach at least the semi-final stage. But Shade has been there before, in 1972, and two years before reached the final, losing to Horton.

Card of course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	401	4	10	368	4
2	359	4	11	173	3
3	163	3	12	442	4
4	330	4	13	458	4
5	433	4	14	366	5
6	141	3	15	362	4
7	451	4	16	486	5
8	318	4	17	377	4
9	555	5	18	206	3
Out	3,164	35	In	3,469	36

Second day's results at Lindrick

Second round

L. J. Hooker (Tandridge) beat R. W. Mann (Ipswich), 2 holes.
N. D. WOOD (Turnberry) beat J. Chillas (Crow Wood), 3 and 1.
P. J. Butler (unattached) beat R. Carr (Sutton), 6 and 5.
H. BAIOCCHI (Ely City) beat K. Bonafield (Coombe Hill), 4 and 3.
P. M. Townsend (Portmarnock) beat D. J. Rees (South Herts), 3 and 2.
C. B. DeFoy (Bryn Meadows) beat B. GALLACHER (Wentworth), 1 hole.
D. Small (Sandy Lane) beat M. Ballesteros (Spain), 2 and 1.
E. DARCY (Erewash Valley) beat H. K. Clark (Moor Allerton), 2 and 1.
G. R. Burroughs (Royce Hill) beat D. J. Llewellyn (Olton), 2 and 1.
... Bannerman (Murcar), 2 and 1.
P. Dawson (Haslebourne) beat R. M. Jewell (Ham Manor), 3 and 2.
D. HAYES (St Pierre) beat D. G. Moore (Brett), 3 and 2.
S. D. Brown (Tewkesbury Park) beat C. O'CONNOR, jnr (Carlow), 1 hole.
S. C. Mason (Goring and Streatley) beat K. Brown (Verulam), 3 and 2.
A. Oosthuizen (South Africa) beat P. H. Wilcock (Trevose), 6 and 5.
M. E. Gregson (Almaina Park) beat G. Smith (Burhill), at 23rd.
A. Brooks (Lanark) beat A. E. Thompson (Heswell), 1 hole.
H. W. Muscroft (Roundhay) beat B. J. Waites (Notts), 1 hole.
R. Wynn (Leatherhead) beat G. A. Cowley (Gerrards Cross), 2 and 1.
B. FERNANDEZ (Argentina) beat S. M. Owen (New Zealand), 2 holes.
M. F. Foster (Clayton) beat A. Chandler (Bolton Old), 3 and 1.
N. J. Job (Beckenham Place Park) beat J. O'LEARY (Jury's), 3 and 2.
R. D. Shade (Ellersley House) beat D. Snell (Worksop), 3 and 2.
... Lambert (Newark), 5 and 3.
J. J. Kinsella (unattached) beat A. E. Sadler (Whittington Barracks), 4 and 3.
R. Gilder (US) beat J. McTear (Cathkin Braes), 2 and 1.
B. J. Hunt (Foxhills) beat K. F. Robson (Harpenden), 1 hole.
A. Carter (Worksop) beat L. Platts (Westcliff), 3 and 1.
N. C. COLES (Holiday Inns) beat K. F. Bayliss (Ludlow), 6 and 5.
E. Polland (Balmoral) beat B. Dassu (Italy), 3 and 1.
T. A. HORTON (Royal Jersey) beat D. Nankeville (Lalcham), 3 and 1.
W. Hector (Seaton Carew) beat K. A. Benson (Lalcham), 1 hole.

Third round

WOOD beat Hooker, 2 holes.
Butler beat BAIOCCHI, 3 and 1.
Townsend beat DeFoy, 1 hole.
DARCY beat Small, 4 and 3.
Burroughs beat Toussaint, 3 and 2.
HAYES beat Dawson, 2 holes.
Mason beat Brooks, 4 and 3.
Oosthuizen beat Muscroft, 2 and 1.
Foster beat Job, 3 and 1.
Shade beat BARNES, 3 and 2.
Gilder beat Kinsella, 1 hole.
Hunt beat Carter, 1 hole.
Gregson beat Brown, 1 hole.
Hector beat COLES, 1 hole.
Polland beat HORTON, 1 hole.

Miss Greenhalgh pulls on extra sweater

By Lewine Mair

Having taken the morning foursomes by three matches to one, Great Britain and Ireland shared the afternoon singles to lead the Continent of Europe by seven points to five at the halfway stage of the Vagliano Trophy match at Muirfield. It was the home team's first pair, Tegwen Perkins and Julia Greenhalgh, who conceded a foursomes point to the Continent, going down to Liv Wollin and Martine Giraud by 2 and 1.

On an unexpectedly chilly and windy morning, the Continental pair reached the turn in a three-under-par 36 and, though they thereafter dropped a couple of shots, Miss Perkins and Miss Greenhalgh simply could not get back into the game. The afternoon, though, was a different matter.

Miss Greenhalgh, at lunchtime, purchased an extra polo neck sweater and set out for her single feeling "100 per cent more like it". Two up leaving the fifth green after Mrs Wollin had four times taken three putts, the British stroke play champion clung to her lead by getting down in two from off the edge of the green at each of the next two holes.

Though she was finding it difficult to control her graphite-shafted driver in the stiff wind—a complaint echoed by others using graphite-shafted clubs—Miss Greenhalgh reached the turn in 37 and was two under par when her match closed on the 13th green.

Miss Perkins, too, was back to her best for the afternoon, winning on the home green. Though two down after 12 holes against the Marquess de Artasona, the Curtis Cup golfer, was one ahead mounting the 17th green having, at the 180-yard 16th, hit her three-iron to within six inches of the hole.

Another fascinating finish was that involving the British girl champion, Suzanne Cadden, and Mrs Giraud, the French close champion, who excels with her fairway woods. Three down after the 11th, having four times taken three putts, Miss Cadden was eventually one down with one to play. Whereupon she smote two glorious woods to the heart of the home green to win the 18th and to salvage a half.

Anne Stant lost by 2 and 1 to Barbara Bohm, of West Germany. While she had had to have physiotherapy on a sore back in the morning, Miss Bohm, who putts with her left hand below right, was striking the ball beautifully, not least off the tee.

Dormie three down, Sandra Needham holed a curling putt of five feet to win the 16th and a 6ft putt to take the 17th—but lost on the 18th green. Her opponent, Anne-Marie Palli, had made what could have been a disastrous start, taking her opening drive only 15 yards. She was, however, all square leaving the first green, having had a single putt for the half. How long, she was asked, was that putt? "Exactly the same length", came the reply, "as my drive".

Foursomes

L. Wollin (Sweden) and Mrs M. Giraud (France) beat Miss J. Greenhalgh (Pleasington) and Miss T. Perkins (Wenvoe Castle), 2 and 1.
Marquesa de Artasona (Spain) and Miss C. de Werra (Switzerland) lost to Miss S. Cadden (Cardross) and Miss M. Walker (Kumalcolm), 3 and 2.
Miss C. Charbonnier (Switzerland) and Miss A. M. Palli (France) lost to Miss A. Irvin (Royal Lytham and St Annes) and Miss S. Needham (Cowdere), 3 and 2.
Miss C. Reybroeck (Belgium) and Mrs M. Raghor (Italy) lost to Miss M. McKenna (Donabate) and Mrs A. Stant (Beau Desert), 3 and 1.

Singles

Mrs Wollin lost to Miss Greenhalgh, 6 and 5.
Mrs Giraud halved with Miss Cadden.
Mrs Ragher beat Miss B. Huke (Cotswold Hills), 3 and 1.
Miss B. Bohm (West Germany) beat Mrs Stant, 2 and 1.
Marquesa d'Artasona lost to Miss Perkins, 1 hole.
Miss Palli beat Miss Needham, 1 hole.
Miss de Werra lost to Miss McKenna, 3 and 1.
Miss Charbonnier halved with Miss Walker.

England's team for the women's home golf internationals at Newport, Gwent, from September 17 to 19 will be Miss Ann Irvin (Ryl Lytham and St Annes), Miss Julia Greenhalgh (Pleasington), Mrs Anne Stant (Beau Desert), Miss Beverly Huke (Cotswold Hills), Miss Lynne Harrold (Gerrards Cross), Miss Jenny Lee-Smith (Gosforth Park), Miss Dinah Henson (West Byfleet), and Miss Maxine Burton (Camberley).

Mrs Angela Bonallack was invited but is unable to play Mrs Carol Comboy (Delamere Forest) will captain the side.

NARASHINO, Japan: 64, B. Jones (Australia); 65, M. Kawakami; 66, Hsu Chi San (Taiwan); 67, J. Aoki; M. Kono, T. Nakamura; Y. Iwashita; Y. Sekimira.

Russians are pacemakers

Warsaw, Sept 4.—The Soviet Union, with three men over 8,000 pts this season, are favourites to win the European Cup decathlon title in Bydgoszcz, Northern Poland, this weekend. The three Russian pacemakers, Nikolai Avilov, Leonid Litvimenko and Rudolf Zigert, should be strong enough to enable the Russians to snatch the team title from the host nation, who won the inaugural competition in Bonn two years ago.

Avilov, who won the 1972 Olympic title with 8,454 pts, recently lost his world record to the American, Bruce Jenner, who totalled 8,524, though the Soviet Union should still have the edge over Poland and East and West Germany.

Each of the seven men's teams will field four competitors, the best three in each counting towards the overall total. Qualifying nations are France, Finland, Sweden, Poland, Soviet Union, West Germany, East Germany.

The women's penthathlon event is much more clear cut, with the formidable East Germans certain to retain their title by a wide margin. All four East Germans have topped 4,500 pts this year and Burglinde Pollak will be hoping to repeat her feat in the 1973 competition in Bonn when she improved her world record with a haul of 4,932 pts.

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Increased competition makes heavier demands on the physical resources of leading players many of whom are committed to the Great Britain Olympic party. Most of them are unlikely to appear regularly for their clubs or counties—a situation which could apply as much in England as in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. In any case the British party will probably tour India or Pakistan early next year.

Cotton, the Great Britain captain, has already told Southgate that he cannot play for them too often. He did not play last season for Hertfordshire because of his World Cup commitment. That Hertfordshire lost the county title to Kent was not the result of his absence as Kent, too, were without Svehlik for the final.

Because of business commitments Neale has relinquished to Crowe the captaincy of Southgate who won both the London League and national club championship last season. Alister McGinn, brother of Ian, has joined them from Slough but they do not expect to be at full strength for the league tournament on September 13. They hope to be in full gear from October and their main objective will be European club championship in which they won the bronze medal last season.

An early look at county strength will be offered at Exeter on September 20 and 21, when the six-counties weekend tournament will be held and an early assessment of club strength can be made when the northern festival is held at Liverpool early next month. Both events are popular and serve as a spur to more serious competition.

That many of the more experienced players might not be seen in action could be a blessing in disguise. New talent could come to the surface at under-22 level and the way is open for younger players to assert themselves at the under-22 divisional tournament at Aldershot on December 13 and 14. The one held last year at Norwich was a great success. Eastern Counties, who have been the pioneers of under-22 hockey, have already held their trials at Welwyn Garden City.

As usual the showpiece of the English season will be the international four-nation festival at Lord's on March 13 and 14. The home countries championship has, sadly, been abolished and replaced by a quadrangular tournament to be played in the last week of March at Cardiff, where Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and, probably, West Germany will take part.

Indoor hockey has been making rapid strides in England, Wales and Scotland but one of the reasons why it has not advanced to the same standards as West Germany and the Netherlands is that there is no separate season for indoor hockey as in Europe. The qualifying rounds of the indoor club championship of England will start next January and the final will be played at Crystal Palace on March 5. The European Cup will be held at Arnhem on February 15 and 16. Wales and England did not qualify but Scotland will be there.

There was no play yesterday in the world women's hockey championships at Edinburgh as the teams had a rest day. Today's top group matches are:

Netherlands v United States; England v Ireland; Wales v Belgium; Argentina v Scotland; Australia v India; Spain v New Zealand.

Cricket

Dudleston the pilot on awkward trip

By Peter Marson

LEICESTER: Middlesex with eight second innings wickets in hand lead Leicestershire by 48 runs.

An innings of high quality by Dudleston, who made his fifth century in the championship, led Leicestershire to the head of the county championship, yesterday. There they stand seven points ahead of Yorkshire, and 17 and 19 points ahead of Hampshire and Lancashire. To consolidate and strengthen their position with victory will be Leicestershire's aim today. In 115 minutes before the close, Middlesex, who began again 54 runs behind, showed that they intend to make a fight of it, and on a dry, wearing pitch it may be that the last lines spoken today will be by Middlesex's off spin bowlers, Titmus and Emburey.

It was beautifully sunny and warm when Dudleston and Steele began again in the morning. Leicestershire were then 48 for no wicket from 17 overs and 212 runs behind Middlesex. It was imperative that Leicestershire should carry off the maximum number of bonus points. So, a circumspect beginning and a sound foundation to their innings would seem the first step. Price and Selvey shared the first nine overs, though there seemed to be little in the pitch for them. Price might have taken Dudleston's wicket when he had made 40 had his flourish outside the off stump ended in the hands of one of an expectant ring crouched behind the wicket.

With the score 88, Titmus came to bowl the twenty-sixth over. In attempting to sweep Titmus's sixth ball Steele was marvellously caught down the leg side by Murray. Murray, whose last appearance in a championship match this is, had begun his career here at Grace Road in 1952. Emburey then joined Titmus. In harness together these two bowled excellently and with enough success to send Leicestershire into luncheon a little unsettled and concerned about the immediate future. Another three wickets had fallen to the slow bowlers in this time. Balderstone at 105 and Davison at 115 fell to Emburey, and Illingworth at 157 to Titmus.

Dudleston was Leicestershire's pilot along this awkward stretch and he had gone past his 100 to 107 out of Leicestershire's 179 from 64 overs. Dudleston had spent 88 minutes making his 50 and 115 minutes making his second 50. It had been a hundred decorated with many a splendid stroke; none better than that with which he embraced his century.

This was a resounding hook to the midwicket boundary off Emburey, bringing his fourteenth four. It had been a stroke of imposing grandeur. Dudleston was out soon afterwards, bowled by Titmus in the third over of the afternoon as he shaped to cut. Roger Tolchard, who had been Dudleston's fifth partner, was now joined by his brother, Geoffrey. Their partnership of 32 runs for the sixth wicket, though small, was enormously important, for in it he had sewn the seeds of the batsmen's ascendency and of the bowler's decline. Roger was down the pitch and on the attack when Murray stumped him in the seventy-seventh over with the score 216.

At the start of the morning Birkenshaw was being examined to establish whether or not he had dislocated his shoulder fielding at slip on the first afternoon. Then he had taken evasive action to escape Emburey's off drive.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings, 260 (G. D. Barlow 84; N. M. McVicker 6 for 85).

Second Innings

M. J. Smith, c Dudleston, b Steele	22
J. M. Brearley, c Dudleston, b Birkenshaw	40
C. T. Radley, not out	21
N. G. Featherstone, not out	8
Extras (l-b 6, n-b 5)	11
Total (2 wkts)	102

H. A. Gomes, G. D. Barlow, J. T. Murray, F. J. Titmus, J. E. Emburey, M. W. W. Selvey, J. S. E. Price to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—61, 2—81.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B. Dudleston, b Titmus	107
J. F. Steele, c Murray, b Titmus	27
J. C. Balderstone, c Smith, b Emburey	6
B. F. Davison, b Emburey	7
R. Illingworth, b Titmus	11
R. W. Tolchard, st Murray, b Emburey	32
J. G. Tolchard, c Featherstone, b Gomes	40
J. Birkenshaw, c Brearley, b Gomes	36
N. M. McVicker, st Murray, b Gomes	1
G. D. McKenzie, not out	6
K. Higgs, c Barlow, b Price	1
Extras (b 5, l-b 10, n-b 5)	16
Total (100.1 overs)	314

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—88, 2—105, 3—115, 4—157, 5—181, 6—216, 7—290, 8—307, 9—307, 10—314.

BOWLING: Price, 18.1—1—41—1; Selvey, 19—3—61—0; Gomes, 6—0—22—3; Titmus, 31—5—94—3; Emburey, 27—5—58—3; Featherstone, 3—0—10—0.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 8, Middlesex 7.

Umpires: J. G. Langridge and B. J. Meyer.

Regular departures from Railway end

By A Special Correspondent

GUILDFORD: Northamptonshire, with eight wickets in hand, need 304 runs to beat Surrey.

Set 355 for victory, Northamptonshire lost both openers in the last hour of a day in which 19 wickets fell, 14 to the fast-medium bowlers, leaving Surrey to calculate, without vanity, where 10 further points would place them in the championship table by the third evening.

Northamptonshire, resuming at 56 for two, lost Virgin, leg-before well forward, and were herded back, principally by Jackman, in 70 minutes and 15.5 overs. Their total of 124 was 92 short of Surrey's first innings. Jackman, from the Railway end, moved the ball disconcertingly. Larkins, having hooked him for six, was caught behind next ball, and Romaines had to fend the next off his nose. With brisk pace and occasional lift, the Shoreditch sparrow sprouted the feathers and beak of a hawk. He bowled Romaines, Sarfraz (swinging wildly), Sharp (next ball), and, finally, Willey to finish with seven wickets—no new experience, since he used to make something of a habit of it, albeit against Yorkshire.

Willey's two-and-a-half hour innings delayed complete disintegration of the innings, and, with Woolmer's Test success fresh in memory, prompted the thought of what he might have been doing for England by now had injury not upset his progress. Perhaps one Northamptonshire gift to England is enough in one season, though "Lilley to Willey" would not have been without its charm.

Surrey's second innings began with an urgency and sureness that took everyone but the two young left-handers themselves by surprise. When, in the eighteenth over, Butcher skied to midwicket and was caught he had made 52 out of 97 in hardly more than an hour. The ingredients were two singles, a two, and twelve fours. Aworth went two runs later, and while his partner's hooking and front-foot driving were not easily forgotten, one Sobers-like cover drive by Aworth was the outstanding stroke of the match.

Howarth was caught at backward short leg and Owen-Thomas had to take his leave—from the crease and probably from Surrey, if his recent resignation is adhered to—after playing to Sarfraz at silly mid-on and awaiting the result of a conference to which the umpires were not the only delegates. Then Younis and Skinner added 47 attractively before Bedi bowled Younis—sweeping—off his elbow. Intikhab survived a swirling catch next ball to cover, but soon fell to Bedi, who claimed Jackman at slip with his following, curling delivery. Hodgson made the vigorous Skinner his fourth victim, and, as Bedi took his own fourth, Northamptonshire trailed by 311 on a pitch that seemed to have quietened.

Then Arnold and Pocock, in the welcome sunlight sliding across from the Hog's Back, plundered 43 runs before the declaration, at 5.17 pm, and the hateful pitch of earlier hours could claim, with some credibility, relation to its elder at Kennington, of infamous and dreary Test match fame.

SURREY: First Innings, 216 (L. E. Skinner 64; Sarfraz Nawaz 5 for 80).

Second Innings

A. R. Butcher, c Dye, b Sarfraz	52
G. J. Aworth, l-b-w, b Hodgson	43
G. P. Howarth, c Mushtaq, b Hodgson	7
Younis Ahmed, b Bedi	37
D. R. Owen-Thomas, c Sarfraz, b Hodgson	3
L. E. Skinner, l-b-w, b Hodgson	29
Intikhab Alam, l-b-w, b Bedi	4
R. D. Jackman, c Virgin, b Bedi	0
G. G. Arnold, not out	27
D. M. Smith, l-b-w, b Bedi	[illegible]
P. I. Pocock, not out	18
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, n-b 9)	14
Total (9 wkts dec)	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—97, 2—99, 3—117, 4—158, 5—165, 6—201, 7—204, 8—216, 9—219.

BOWLING: Sarfraz, 17—0—77—1; Dye, 15—1—47—0; Hodgson, [illegible]—4; Willey, 1—[illegible]—0; Bedi, 16—3—52—4; Mushtaq, [illegible].

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R. T. Virgin, l-b-w, b Arnold	26
G. Cook, l-b-w, b Jackman	[illegible]
Mushtaq Mohammed, b Jackman	23
P. Willey, b Jackman	31
W. Larkins, c Skinner, b Jackman	7
P. Romaines, b Jackman	3
Sarfraz Nawaz, b Jackman	3
G. Sharp, b Jackman	0
A. Hodgson, run out	6
B. S. Bedi, c Intikhab, b Arnold	2
J. C. J. Dye, not out	3
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 4)	5
Total (35.5 overs)	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—51, 3—70, 4—81, 5—81, 6—93, 7—97, 8—110, 9—115, 10—121.

BOWLING: Arnold, 16—[illegible]; Jackman, 17.5—1—[illegible]—7; Smith, 3—0—9—0.

Second Innings

R. T. Virgin, lbw, b Jackman	3
G. Cook, lbw, b Arnold	27
Mushtaq Mohammad, not out	11
A. Hodgson, not out	1
Extras (n-b 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	51

P. Willey, W. Larkins, P. W. Romaines, G. Sharp, Sarfraz Nawaz, B. S. Bedi, J. C. J. Dye to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—33, 2—49.

Bonus points: Surrey 8, Northamptonshire 4.

Umpires: D. Oslear and P. Rochford.

Nottingham v Wawicks

AT NOTTINGHAM

Warwickshire: First Innings, 307 (J. A. Jameson 63, D. L. Murray 59; R. A. White 5 for 58).

Second Innings

J. A. Jameson, c Harris, b Stead	0
D. L. Amiss, not out	61
J. Whitehouse, not out	73
Extras (b 6, l-b 2, w 1)	9
Total (1 wkt)	143

A. I. Kallicharran, D. L. Murray, D. J. Brown, P. J. Lewington to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1.

NOTTINGHAM: First Innings

M. J. Harris, c Murray, b Willis	6
B. Hassan, run out	46
M. J. Smedley, c Murray, b Willis	37
C. E. B. Rice, c Murray, b Willis	16
D. W. Randall, not out	153
P. D. Johnson, l-b-w, b Perryman	0
P. A. Todd, c Kallicharran, b Willis	11
R. A. White, c Murray, b Willis	0
B. Stead, c Amiss, b Lewington	14
P. J. Hacker, not out	26
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, w 1, n-b 1)	9
Total (9 wkts dec, 100.1 overs)	317

W. Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—62, 3—73, 4—127, 5—127, 6—174, 7—179, 8—232, 9—317.

BOWLING: Willis, 26—4—82—5; Brown, 23—3—81—0; Perryman, 19—4—67—1; Lewington, 32.1—7—78—1.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 8, Warwickshire 7.

Umpires: R. Julian and A. Jepson.

Worcs v Glamorgan

AT WORCESTER

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A. Jones, not out	167
Majid Khan, l-b-w, b Brain	35
R. C. Davis, l-b-w, b Imran Khan	17
L. W. Hill, c Wilcock, b Gifford	31
M. J. Llewellyn, c Imran Khan, b Gifford	11
G. Richards, c Wilkinson, b Senghera	28
J. W. Solanky, not out	21
Extras (b 2, l-b 11, n-b 10)	23
Total (5 wkts)	336

E. W. Jones, M. A. Nash, A. E. Cordle, G. D. Armstrong did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—70, 2—131, 3—215, 4—247, 5—301.

BOWLING: Brain, 14—0—69—1; Imran Khan, 12—3—46—1; Pridgeon, 9—0—29—0; Senghera, 34—4—87—1; Gifford, 29—4—82—2.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 298 for 7 (J. M. Parker 117).

Second Innings

K. W. Wilkinson, c Llewellyn, b Solanky	31
G. R. Cass, l-b-w, b Nash	18
Imran Khan, l-b-w, b Nash	11
B. L. D'Oliveira, l-b-w, b Solanky	9
T. J. Yardley, not out	18
J. M. Parker, not out	9
Extras (l-b 2, w 1, n-b 4)	7
Total (4 wkts)	103

H. G. Wilcock, R. Senghera, N. Gifford, B. M. Brain, A. P. Pridgeon to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—29, 2—49, 3—57, 4—64.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 5, Glamorgan 7.

Umpires: D. J. Constant and A. G. T. Whitehead.

Hants v Gloucester

AT SCARBOROUGH

Fenner Trophy (50 overs): Hampshire beat Gloucestershire by 87 runs.

HAMPSHIRE

B. A. Richards, c Brown, b Shackleton	24
C. G. Greenidge, b Davey	6
D. R. Turner, c-b Knight	10
T. E. Jesty, c Graveney, b Knight	53
R. M. C. Gilliat, b Sadiq	134
P. J. Sainsbury, l-b-w, b Brown	0
J. M. Rice, l-b-w, b Sadiq	30
A. J. Murtagh, b Sadiq	0
M. N. S. Taylor, not out	24
G. R. Stephenson, not out	1
Extras (b 4, l-b 9, n-b 5)	14
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	290

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—31, 3—51, 4—132, 5—138, 6—208, 7—230, 8—287.

BOWLING: Davey, 10—1—46—1; Shackleton, 6—0—61—1; Graveney, 7—0—39—0; Knight, 10—3—30—2; Brown, 10—0—42—1; Sadiq, 7—1—48—3.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Sadiq Mohammad, c Greenidge, b Rice	5
A. W. Stovold, c Greenidge, b Mottram	11
Zaheer Abbas, b Mottram	14
R. D. V. Knight, b Jesty	10
D. R. Shepherd, run out	36
J. C. Foat, lbw, b Sainsbury	1
A. J. Hignell, c Jesty, b Taylor	40
A. S. Brown, b Rice	63
D. A. Graveney, c Jesty, b Taylor	16
J. H. Shackleton, not out	3
J. Davey, c Greenidge, b Taylor	5
Extras (b 4, l-b 4, n-b 2)	10
Total (44.4 overs)	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12, 2—32, 3—32, 4—61, 5—70, 6—70, 7—167, 8—184, 9—197, 10—203.

BOWLING: Mottram, 6—1—38—2; Rice, 7—0—15—2; Jesty, 10—0—44—1; Sainsbury, 8—2—33—1; Murtagh, 5—0—40—0; Taylor, 8.4—0—33—3.

Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and R. Aspinall.

Today's fixtures

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Middlesex (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
TAUNTON: Somerset v Essex (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Northamptonshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

OTHER MATCH

SCARBOROUGH: Fenner Trophy Final (one day): Yorkshire v Hampshire (11.0 to 6.0).

SECOND XI COMPETITION

CHELMSFORD: Essex II v Surrey II.
CANTERBURY: Kent II v Sussex II.

Only a declaration can bring a climax

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Somerset, with eight second innings wickets in hand, lead Essex by 61 runs.

The weather had improved: it was a flawless Somerset September day, on the ground which I shall ... County grounds. The cricket did not quite justify the setting, for there were some dull periods, and most of all a sense of anti-climax, with Essex's championship hopes almost gone. Nevertheless, Essex had the better of the day, on the first innings they took eight points to Somerset's five.

Somerset started the day at 283 for seven and were swiftly bowled out by Boyce, failing to reach their fourth batting point. Edmeades and Hardie gave Essex a fair start, and McEwan played a good innings. He did not always hit the ball truly in the early part, but by the end his drives and cuts fled from the bat. Fletcher also played well. I have seen him make runs at Taunton before. It is just the pitch for him: not fast, not taking much spin but not too slow to prevent him making his drives "on the up". (This is the current jargon. I have yet to see the cricketer who hits the ball, except accidentally "on the down".)

Essex declared with overs in hand, as soon as they had reached 300, and maximum batting points. They took two wickets before the end, but the match, like a Victorian marriage, is likely to reach a climax only through a declaration. What everybody is talking about down here is the future of Brian Close.

There was a meeting of the cricket committee on Wednesday night and their report is to be taken to the full county executive next Tuesday. It is rather like the Reg Prentice affair. "Secret Close Verdict" was the headline in the local paper. Close himself wore a ... (taking a wicket, of course) and wandered about rather ostentatiously from slip to slip. Who cares? he seemed to be saying. But he had an eye like a buzzard and an arm like a whip if any of his fieldsmen lost concentration or strayed a yard or two from their position.

Somerset will be silly if they do not come to terms with him. For one thing, they have no other adequate captain in sight, though several might be able to do the job in a few years. Equally, Close will be silly if he does not come to terms with Somerset. He has much cricket left in him. What does he want to be? Captain of Derbyshire, which most Yorkshiremen regard as the worst possible fate? Captain of Devon? Certainly, if Devon could manage to pay him for five years, they would be a first class county, as they have long wished to be, at the end of it.

SOMERSET: First Innings

D. J. S. Taylor, c Smith, b Lever	3
B. C. Rose, b Lever	13
P. W. Denning, c Smith, b Boyce	2
I. V. A. Richards, c McEwan, b Turner	44
D. B. Close, b Lever	65
P. A. Slocombe, c Turner, b Lever	61
P. M. Roebuck, c Smith, b Boyce	22
I. T. Botham, b Boyce	17
G. I. Burgess, not out	[illegible]
Extras	12
Total (95.4 overs)	297

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—9, 2—18, 3—62, 4—89, 5—226, 6—255, 7—283, 8—287, 9—297, 10—297.

BOWLING: Boyce, 24.4—3—69—3; Lever, 30—7—88—4; Turner, 28—7—71—1; Acfield, 9—2—26—0; East, 4—1—11—0.

Second Innings

B. C. Rose, lbw, b Lever	9
P. A. Slocombe, not out	25
P. W. Denning, b Boyce	5
I. V. A. Richards, not out	22
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, n-b 3)	8
Total (2 wkts)	65

D. J. S. Taylor, D. B. Close, P. M. Roebuck, I. T. Botham, D. Breakwell, H. R. Moseley, R. J. Clapp to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—[illegible].

ESSEX: First Innings

B. E. A. Edmeades, c Richards, b Close	5[illegible]
B. R. Hardie, c Taylor, b Botham	[illegible]
K. S. McEwan, c Richards, b Moseley	[illegible]
K. W. R. Fletcher, c Taylor, b Breakwell	[illegible]
G. A. Gooch, run out	[illegible]
S. Turner, not out	[illegible]
K. D. Boyce, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, n-b 1)	[illegible]
Total (5 wkts dec, [illegible] overs)	30[illegible]

R. E. East, N. Smith, J. K. Lever, D. L. Acfield did not bat.

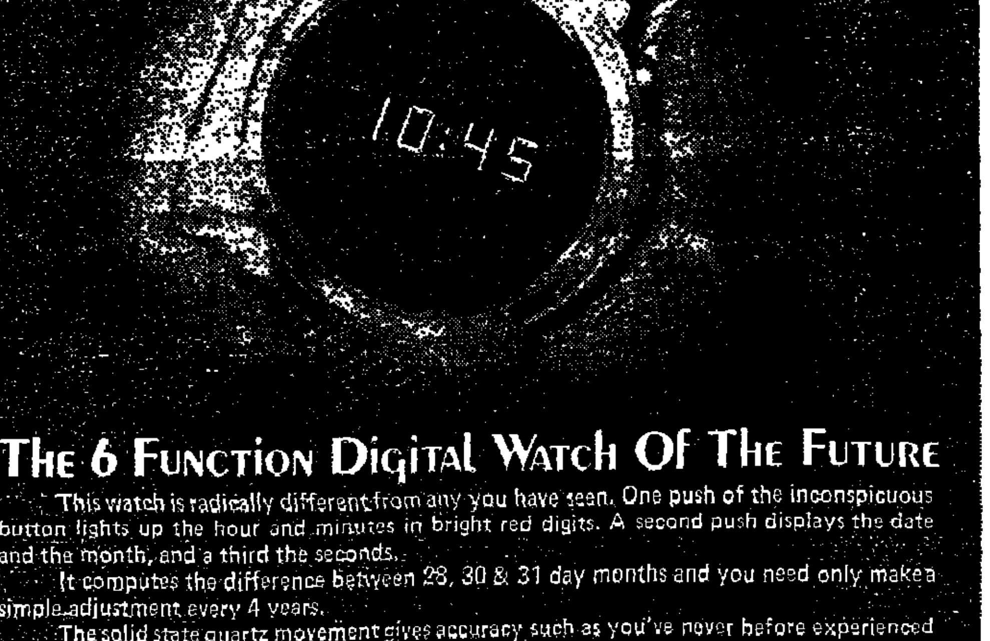
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—60, 2—175, 3—230, 4—246, 5—285.

BOWLING: Moseley, 21—1—61—1; Clapp, 8—1—37—0; Botham, 11—1—51—1; Rose, 5—0—[illegible]; Breakwell, 23—8—70—1; Richards, [illegible]; Close, 18.4—6—[illegible].

Bonus points: Somerset 5, Essex 8.

Umpires: W. L. Budd and D. G. L. Evans.

Northampton Rugby Club, who are starting the season with no new players, have one absentee from last season when they line up against Bristol at Franklin's Gardens tomorrow. Phillips, the vice-captain, is unfit and Osborne, who missed most of last season, takes over.



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SPORT

Football

Czechoslovakia will need a head for figures against England

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

England arrived back from Basle yesterday with a 2—1 win over Switzerland under their belts, but a load of brickbats flying around their heads. The overall opinion in print, and by word of mouth, was that their performance was far from satisfactory or indeed worthy of a national side, especially after the flying start of a two-goal lead (and a missed penalty by Keegan) inside the opening 20 minutes.

There is nothing more embarrassing than being cooped up in an aeroplane with the players concerned and seeing them devouring the morning press in close proximity, with no chance of one escaping on to a passing cloud. The two men of whom much was expected as midfield generals—Francis, the new captain, and Currie—took their various criticisms and failures in a good spirit.

Even Don Revie, the manager, admitted that our game had fallen apart once the Swiss were presented with their goal through the first of Clemence's several goalkeeping errors at the half-hour. Neither Francis nor Currie could take command from then on, while our defence was being stretched towards the touchline by the use of two wingers and the probing of their extended central areas. By all this the Swiss not only caused new problems for Watson and Todd in the middle, but upset our general teamwork and broke the side into separate units.

All this was made abundantly clear over the last hour, but Mr Revie added that in a sense it was as well that his side were tested and not allowed to luxuriate in the runaway victory that had seemed probable at the start.

More important than any retrospective opinion was the fact that England now purposely did not reveal any of their tactics—especially in such set pieces as free kicks and corners—which they plan to use when they come to face Czechoslovakia in Bratislava on October 29. That will be one of the two remaining key matches in our challenge for the European championship.

Further to that, a form of double-take deception was played on the two leading Czechoslovak representatives who went to Basle to spy. All the England players wore a mixture of numbers on their shirts to confuse the East European observers. Gone was the well-worn old styling of right back (No 2), centre half (No 5), left back (No 3), centre forward (No 9) and so on. Now the back four defensive wall of Whitworth, Todd, Watson and Beattie carried the figures 4, 7, 6 and 8. Nos 9, 10 and 11 were identified as Bell, Currie and Francis in midfield; with Channon, Johnson (later, Macdonald) and Keegan in attack disguised under Nos 3, 14 (16) and 15.

It is a ploy used by Mr Revie once before when Leeds United played Juventus. Designed to put the opposition off their stroke at the beginning of a match, it worked like a charm on that occasion. While the Italians were busy sorting things out, Leeds sneaked a quick lead inside the opening five minutes—invariably a vital strike in a tight match.

The Czechoslovaks will have duly worked out the various identities, but they could be on tenterhooks when the Bratislava match arrives in case England change numbers again—as, indeed, they may well do. Meanwhile, Mr Revie and Mr Cocker, his chief coach, will be watching Czechoslovakia twice before the big test. Football has become a game of deceit and can be influenced as much off the field as on it.

Elsewhere, Scotland kept alive their hopes of qualifying from group five of the European championship with their 1—0 win against Denmark in Copenhagen by a goal from Harper. With home games to come against Romania and Denmark, they are two points behind the leaders, Spain, who, however, also have to play twice and possess the better goal difference. That could be the decisive factor.

Northern Ireland virtually said farewell to their chances in group three when they lost 1—2 in Belfast to a Swedish side of part-timers who lacked their two outstanding World Cup players, Edstroem and Sandberg. If Yugoslavia beat Sweden in Belgrade they will be home and dry for the quarter-final round, with only the amateur outsiders, Norway, to be faced in their last fixture.

Today's fixtures

Fourth division
Northampton v Bradford (7.30); Southport v Swansea (7.30); Tranmere v Darlington (7.30).

Rugby Union
CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Tredegar (7.15); Torquay Athletic v Richmond (6.15); Birkenhead Park v London Welsh (7.30).

Rugby League
FIRST DIVISION: Castleford v Warrington (7.30); Salford v Widnes (7.30).
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v Doncaster (7.0); Whitehaven v Bramley (7.0).

Horse trials

British horses could prove supreme

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris
Luhmühlen, Sept 4

Britain got off to a splendid start in her attack on the European three-day event championship here today. At 9.30 this morning, Janet Hodgson and Larkspur put up their usual dependable performance in the dressage arena for 68 penalty points. They went into second place at this stage behind the well-known West German combination of Horst Karsten on the grey Hannoverian, Sioux.

The leaders in dressage at the last Olympic Games, they led here throughout the morning with 56.67 penalty points and ensured that the West German team is in overnight second place, four points behind the British.

After the luncheon interval, Princess Anne and Goodwill put Britain ahead with a test which was rated so highly by the judges—Anton Bühler (Switzerland)—that two breaks were set at nought. The German spectators are very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about dressage, which is virtually a national sport, and gasps of surprise, followed by laughter, came from the stands when the individual marks were announced—75, 84, and 93, the last being the rating of Dr Büsing. The horse was a little over-fresh, but this will stand him in good stead across country on Saturday, when he could well regain his rider the individual title which she won on Doublet in 1971.

The Soviet Union is lying third at this stage, 3.34 points behind the host nation, and thus the three principals in Kiev two years ago are once again clear of the field of 10 nations, with France and Italy still well in touch. Switzerland and the Netherlands have only played one man so far, but the Netherlands are well in the hunt for the individual title, represented by Maarten Jurgens on Bold Tudor, Princess Anne's immediate predecessor, who took up the running this afternoon with 54.67 penalty points.

The Dutch accountant, who rides in the uniform of an Army reservist, as he maintains that it is easier to salute than to remove his hat, stayed in front until the closing stages, when he was overtaken first by the Russian, Valeri Dvorjaninov, on Otmel, and, later, by two individuals for the home side. The first was Frank Offeney, with Ladino, the first to obtain a mark in the hundreds—whose score of 105, 109 and 116 was greeted with wild enthusiasm. He has a total score of only 34 penalty points, which will take a lot of beating tomorrow.

The riders are making daily walks around Saturday's cross-country course, which is beautifully built but on the big side. The psychological effects of the water combination, with numerous alternatives, at No 6, and the fences in the Normandy Bank complex—23, 24 and 25—is gathering momentum. Lucinda Prior-Palmer made her third trip round alone. Janet Hodgson and Michael Tucker went with Bertie Hill, the trainer and counsellor of so many successful British teams and of Captain Mark Phillips, who accompanied his wife today.

The fact that there are several related fences and tight turns may well give an advantage to our hosts, whose horses proved again today that they are always better trained on the flat than those of anyone else. But the British connexions, in the knowledge that the British and Irish horse is still supreme across country, are still confident that the team of four girls will set off for home on Monday with the European championship back in their keeping.

TEAM PLACINGS (for two riders): 1, Great Britain (128.0); 2, West Germany (132); 3, USSR (135.34); 4, France (149.34); 5, Italy (151.33); 6, Bulgaria (159.0); 7, Ireland (161.00); 8, Poland (170.00).

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS: 1, K. Schultz's Madrigal, 34.0; 2, F. Offeney's Nadino (West Germany), 47.67; 3, V. Dvorjaninov's Otmel (USSR); 4, H. Karsten's Sioux (West Germany), 56.67; 5, Princess Anne's Goodwill, 60.00; 7, V. Lanugin's Refles (USSR), 60.67; 8, R. Jaquerot's Devil's Bet (Switzerland), 65; 9 equal, G. Bossi's Boston (Italy) and H. Melzer's Salut (West Germany), 66.00.

HICKSTEAD: British four-year-old championship: 1, Kockles II, B. Lear; 2, Sporting Light, Miss J. Maslan; 3, Seven Up, Miss S. Edwards and Flying Light, R. Evans. British five-year-old championship: 1, Now Then Jr, Miss S. Edwards; 2, Inawillie, V. de Wykerslooth; 3, Tumbleweed, B. Dye. British six-year-old championship: 1, Mordrum, Lady A. Fraser; 2, Main Spring, B. Howe; 3, Manxman, Miss P. Graham. National grade B championship: 1, Manxman, Mrs P. Graham; 2, April Lad II, P. Davis; 3, Homeward Hound, Mrs J. Dixon. Carmece, J. Brown. Roundsoul, J. Meyer. Garoline III, P. Brown and Isgoodun, W. de Wykerslooth. Embassy Gold Stakes: 1, Acrobat, Lady A. Fraser; 2, Paddy Connelly, J. Brown; 3, Bericote Golden Vale, J. Whitaker; 4, Ocean, T. Newbury.

Yachting

Harris needs another good result today

By John Nicholls

Peter Rowsell and Jonathan Turner won their second race of the series in the Merlin-Rocket national championship at Weymouth yesterday. They demonstrated once again the flair that won them the championship last year, although they cannot now repeat that performance. A disqualification and one low result in the earlier races have already accounted for their discard and the best they can hope for is to finish somewhere in the first 10 places overall.

John Harris and David Wootton have led the series on points since the second day. Yesterday, by finishing second for the second consecutive day, they further improved their score. The pressure is now on Harris, however, to achieve another good result today for he has already lost his discard with a disqualification from the third race. A good result for Harris means higher than 16th if Harry Haynes, now lying second overall, should win the last race today.

It should prove an exciting end to the series. Harris and Haynes will be racing for the championship, Rowsell to salvage more prestige and 177 other helmsmen will be trying to snatch some glory for themselves. But the thing they will all be looking for is a better breeze than they had yesterday.

Before the start of the race, which was sponsored by Sealink Ferries, there was a fresh northerly breeze. Competitors were warned to wear their personal buoyancy and there seemed every chance of having a fast race at last. But a few hours later crews were stripped off in the bottoms of their boats as they drifted around on a glassy sea.

There was the usual ration of disqualified boats at the start but, at least, the fleet were away first time. Rowsell and Harris were first and second at the windward mark, with Haynes fourth.

Rowsell and Harris competed for the lead until Rowsell went clear and Haynes joined Harris in the race for second place. As it was becoming interesting, the wind died and everything came to a standstill. When the breeze filled in again, it was from a new direction and the windward leg was rearranged. Unfortunately, the wind shifted even further and the final leg became a spinnaker reach with little scope for tactics.

RANELAGH TROPHY: 1, Mustard Seed, P. Rowsell and J. Turner (Exe); 2, Tobacco Road, J. Harris and D. Wootton (Ranelagh); 3, Solitaire, H. Haynes and J. Conway (Nottingham); 4, Late Night Extra, G. Winder and N. Sixsmith (Hollingworth Lake); 5, Satisfactor, S. Broughton and D. Webster (Ranelagh); 6, Asp, J. Rook and G. Partington (Sussex Motor). Overall: 1, Tobacco Road, 11pts; 2, Solitaire, 28¾; 3, Asp 34.

TORBAY: National Laser championships: Seven Sisters Trophy: 1, The Gunn (R. G. Robinson, West Kirby SC); 2, Y-Front (R. J. Lake, Weirwood SC); 3, Serendipity (E. Derbonne, Queen Mary SC); 4, Fast Break (H. van Ghent, SZU Netherlands); 5, Pistol Dawn (P. J. Long, RNSA); 6, Raycer (R. Simonds, Seaview SC). Overall: 1, Mabel (T. Law, Queen Mary SC); 2, Racer; 3, Fast Break.

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Badminton

KUALA LUMPUR: World invitation tournament: Men's singles, first round: D. Talbot (England) beat Abu Bakar (Malaysia), 15—5, 17—15. Women's singles, first round: G. Gilkes (England) beat P. Sariririo (Thailand), 11—3, 11—8; T. Sumirah (Indonesia) beat N. Gardner (England), 11—6, 11—3; M. Beck (England) beat Thongkam Kingmanee (Thailand), 12—9, 11—6.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 6, Detroit Tigers 0; Boston Red Sox 5, Baltimore Orioles 2; Cleveland Indians 11, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Kansas City Royals 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Texas Rangers 5, California Angels 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 6, Montreal Expos 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, New York Mets 1; San Diego Padres 10, Atlanta Braves 9; San Francisco Giants 9, Houston Astros 4; Cincinnati Reds 13, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Chicago Cubs 11, St Louis Cardinals 6.

Netball

AUCKLAND: World championship: Trinidad and Tobago beat Singapore, 59—17; Scotland and Wales drew, 37—37; England beat Northern Ireland, 71—22; Jamaica beat Fiji, 60—30. Final positions: Australia 19pts, England 18pts; New Zealand 17pts; Trinidad and Tobago 14pts; Jamaica 12pts; Wales 9pts; Scotland 9pts; Fiji 6pts, Northern Ireland 4pts; Singapore 2pts, Papua-New Guinea 0pts.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Exeter 15, Public School Wanderers 15; Broughton Park 40, Plymouth Albion 0; Penryn 0, Metropolitan Police 6.

Yachting

FALMOUTH: Flying Fifteen national championships (Restronguet Bowl): 1, Flamenco, Mr and Mrs R. Tremewan (Restronguet); 2, Flick Chic, J. Royce (Trent Valley); 3, Aquarius (T. R. Gilmore (Kircubbin)); 4, September Song, H. A. H. Russell (Roydourne); 5, The Young Pretender, J. H. Flower (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk); 6, Filial Spark, B. Fitzsimmons and T. Bowring (Royal Northern).

Croquet

HURLINGHAM: President's Cup: G. N. Aspinall beat D. J. Bulloch, +17; Aspinall beat W. R. Hope, +23; Aspinall beat G. E. P. Jackson, +3; Aspinall beat M. E. W. Heap, +17; Hope beat F. Hemsted, +26; Hope beat J. W. Solomon, +26; B. G. Neal beat Solomon, +18; Neal beat Hemsted, +26; Neal beat Heap, +15; Heap beat Jackson, +15.

Racing

Balding is facing an enviable prospect

By Michael Seely

Next month the Cheveley Park Stakes, sponsored by William Hill, once again promises to become an exciting affair. The brilliant Irish filly, Petipa, and Lord Porchester's impressive Windsor winner, Picture, are already under orders for the supreme test of the season for two-year-old fillies. Yesterday afternoon at York, after Rowantree had won the Tadcaster Stakes from Fair Sarita and that other fast Northern filly, Sienna, her trainer, Ian Balding, faced the enviable prospect of launching a three-pronged attack on the race.

Rowantree may well join her stable companion, Outer Circle and Memory Lane in the line-up at Newmarket. Memory Lane, Paul Mellon's full sister to Mill Reef, is now fully recovered from her setback in training and will have a preparatory race in the Stockbridge Stakes at Salisbury next Thursday. Balding also has Kev of the Kingdom engaged, but in view of the fact that she belongs to Petipa's owner, Mrs Meg Mullion, she is an unlikely starter.

By Silly Season, Rowantree is a half sister to that smart miler, Martinmas, and like him was bred and is owned by Colonel Julian Berry. I should imagine that the form of yesterday's race is reliable, and Rowantree recorded a fast time. Also the strongly fancied pair, Louise Valliere and Guipure, finished well beaten in fifth and sixth places. Balding also confirmed his beaten Gimcrack favourite, Galway Bay, as a probable for the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot.

The principal race of the afternoon, the Follifoot Stakes, saw Quizair, trained by Ryan Jarvis, prove too strong for Step Ahead and Summer Knave. Quizair was ridden by Taffy Thomas, also the successful jockey when Quizair took the Lincoln Handicap last year. Quizair has proved a grand servant to his owner, Gordon MacDonald, from Beaconsfield, having now won five races in the past two seasons.

Last time out Quizair had finished fourth behind Duboff in the Ripon Rowes. Summer Knave finished third that afternoon. Mrs Jean Jarvis, the trainer's wife, told me that they were confident of reversing the placings yesterday.

At Ripon, Quizair had been ridden out in front to try and run Duboff off her legs and had tired in the closing stages. Yesterday waiting tactics were adopted. The Swinley Forest Handicap at Ascot is Quizair's next objective.

Thomas was also first past the post on Billy Liar in the Crathorne Stakes. Billy Liar, backed from 7-1 to 4-1, won by three lengths from Rhondda Prince, but after a stewards' inquiry was disqualified and placed last. Thomas was suspended for three days for reckless riding, the sentence to take effect from Saturday, September 13, St Leger day.

The other feature of the afternoon was a double by Lester Piggott on Ca Marche and Peaceful. Piggott has always declared York to be his favourite racecourse. He certainly excelled in both his victories yesterday.

He gave a classic exhibition of waiting in front on Ca Marche in the Heslington Stakes and his economy of effort on Peaceful in the Rufforth Stakes was a joy to watch. Delaying his effort until well inside the final furlong, Piggott urged Peaceful to give of his best without the four-year-old, perhaps fortunately, knowing that he had been involved in a race.

Both winners are trained by Jeremy Tree and both belong to Jock Whitney. Not only did Mr Whitney breed Ca Marche and his dam, Marciung, but also the colt sire, Gulf Pearl.

Jeffries soon returns to winner's enclosure

Two trainers, Toby Balding and Michael Haynes, and the jockey David Jeffries scored doubles at Fontwell Park yesterday.

Balding, who saddled his first winner 18 years ago, is quite used to having similar successes but the Weyhill trainer's win with Crumlin and Rolyat at combined odds of 272-1 proved a pleasant surprise. Haynes, on the other hand, took out his licence to train at Epsom only last year and he was delighted to have a double for the first time with Kellagem and Bevin Boy.

The happiest man at Fontwell, attended by an excellent crowd, was the 24-year-old former Newmarket apprentice, Jeffries. Kellagem's eight lengths victory in the Ostend-Wardin success and, having experienced the winner's enclosure, he lost little time returning there on Bevin Boy after the Eartham Handicap. Bevin Boy led going to the last flight and went away on the flat to foil the favourite, Favedo, by 10 lengths.

Rolyat, a one-length winner of the Amberley Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle, after the favourite, Heracles, fell at the first flight, gave another rider, Paul Irby, his first win. Irby has a half-share in the nine-year-old and must be one of the few jockeys to have ridden in the Grand National without a previous win to his credit. He rode Ronald's Boy at Aintree a few years ago.

Crumlin, 20-1 winner of the Arundel Handicap, had not run for 15 months, having been pin-fired twice in that time. The eight-year-old made all the running to give Jimmy Fox his second win from three rides.

In the St Leger Mecca have cut Consol from 8-1 to 6—1. King Pellinore and Sea Anchor remain joint favourites at 3-1, with Bruni 10-1 and 12-1 bar.



Green Dancer: said by French connexions to be in fine fettle

Green Dancer could make a successful return

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Now that Deauville is over for another year the spotlight in France reverts to Longchamp where racing will resume on Sunday after the traditional summer's break. Unfortunately, much of the interest in the Prix Niel has evaporated because Matahawk, who was to have run in it, cannot now do so.

The Prix Niel was seen as the perfect preparatory race before the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe by Matahawk's trainer, Henri van de Poele, and it would have been informative, too, because one of his opponents would have been Green Dancer, who has not run since his eclipse in the Derby. Everything was geared to the Arc but van de Poele had no option but to scrap his plan when Matahawk broke down in his last gallop, having just worked exceptionally well. Sadly, the winner of this year's Grand Prix de Paris will not race again. But word from France is that Green Dancer is in fine fettle, and expected to make a successful comeback.

Here at home there was a lot of money for Consol yesterday, and Hills have sliced his price for the St Leger to 7 to 1. Whoever backed Consol took a calculated risk because Peter Walwyn has still to declare him a certain runner for the fifth and last classic, which will be run at Doncaster tomorrow week. He also has Patch engaged and they are due to gallop together this morning to help both Walwyn and Mr Joel decide on their plan of campaign. Patch is a 4 to 1 chance with Hills with the proviso that he runs. Their other prices are 11 to 4 King Pellinore; 7 to 2 Sea Anchor and 8 to 1 Bruni.

The Sirenia Plate was won by Grundy a year ago when today's meeting was run at Kempton Park. This time it is being staged at Sandown Park, and though there will be no horse of comparable class on view, the plate should be won this afternoon by Royal Boy, whose achievements this season have been markedly superior to anything accomplished by any of his five rivals.

First he won at Newmarket and then he won again at York where he beat Music Boy in that controversial race in May. Since then, Royal Boy has finished second in the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot and second again in the July Stakes at Newmarket. Our Newmarket Correspondent said yesterday that Royal Boy has been working particularly well recently.

The closing stages of the Euclid Nursery could develop into a battle royal between the consistent Fastpad, who, as his record should suggest, can be relied upon, and Piper. Neither Fastpad nor Piper are quite good enough to hold their own with the best as was clear when they were beaten by Willow and Apres Demain in their last races. But if, as well may be the case, Fastpad is marginally the better of the two the slight weight difference in his favour this afternoon ought to tilt the scales his way.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good to firm. Thirsk: Good to firm. Nottingham (tomorrow): Good to firm. Fontwell: Firm. Bangor (tomorrow): Hard.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: William Hill Cheveley Park Stakes, Newmarket: Rather Grand. Horris Hill Stakes, Newbury: Late Alarm. All engagements (dead): Viscount Gayle, Scaramander, Only Bill, Golden Sleigh, Flying Imp.

Armstr[...] has the [...] best ch[...]

By Michael See[...]

Dream Town [...] chances in the [...] mainly moderate [...] this afternoon. D[...] Robert Armstro[...] Newmarket to r[...] ton Handicap, [...] loser of a keen[...] dicap at Sandow[...] out. Taking th[...] account she see[...] superior form [...] opponents today.

In the race [...] Way, Dream T[...] over the winne[...] up the far rails [...] But Lester Pigg[...] sensed the dang[...] tician that he [...] right closing off [...] an almost none[...] outside in the d[...] race, Dream To[...] would have won [...] or so.

Thomas, Drea[...] objected to Pav[...] stewards quite r[...] the trouble had [...] making and ove[...] As the favourite [...] fourth after ha[...] Dream Town sh[...] the weights for [...] 5lb for winning.

Another Ne[...] Sistina, can tak[...] It is bound to [...] Sistina and Hig[...] line through L[...] only a neck [...] fillies.

It could be [...] stable in the [...] der Handicap w[...] runs Moray, tu[...] winning a selle[...] May. Jack H[...] Warmspun fro[...] for the Barton[...] Handicap. Far[...] when fourth [...] Ashabit at Rip[...] good enough t[...] 11 opponents [...]

Acceptors

NEWBURY AU[...] bury, 2m: Bronze [...] Night in Town, [...] God, Rainbelda, [...] John Cherry, [...] Knight Templar, [...] Rubinelli, Thal[...] Philominsk, Nell [...] Hazy Fern, Grit[...] Pretendre, Realis[...] Corlina, Intense [...] right, Grand Ch[...] Garden, Mark He[...] Shade, China B[...] Caesar's Flame, [...] Peas, Inashand, [...] Clare.

WM GOLD CU[...] tember 13: Rag[...] danen, Willy Wil[...] Heart, Bold Tac[...] Star, Persian [...] Turnkey, Tristram[...] Braze, Merry [...] Marcus, Mrs Tina[...] Boswell, Lochn[...] Manin, Overtown, [...] Avalon, V[...] Wild M[...], King [...] Sommerway, Ami[...] Rouge, Clear M[...] Jimmylyn, Cava[...] Hooker, Gan O[...] Jason, Pleasure [...] Slugging, Miss [...] Fearless Boy, We[...] per Boy, Inishla, [...] River.

Thirsk programme

2.15 NESS PLATE (2-y-o: £345: 1m)
2 300340 Armidale (J. Barnes), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 .. E. Hide 15
3 009 Ashby Don (Lady Somerleyton), M. Prescott, 9-0 G. Duffield 19
4 0040 Cool Trader (D. Smith), Denys Smith, 9-0 ...... A. Barclay 20
5 00 Fernando (H. Jones), Hbt Jones, 9-0 ...... L. Johnson 5
7 00 Gulp (B. Hood), R. Weaver, 9-0 ...... G. Cadwaladr 8
10 060000 Linthorpe (D. Tinkler), J. Calvert, 9-0 ...... J. Higgins 19
11 00 Melody Boy (S. Hardy), Hares, 9-0 ...... C. Moss 12
12 030004 New Kingdom (J. Ballard), J. Etherington, 9-0 L. G. Brown 21
13 20 No Interference (T. Tutor), A. Kemp, 9-0 .... P. Kelleher 2
17 00 Satan Power (B. Webster), J. Etherington, 9-0 G. Dwyer 11
18 32000 Scott Jason (C. Newton), J. Carr, 9-0 ...... W. Carson 8
20 002 Stilton (A. Smith), N. Callaghan, 9-0 ...... J. Lynch 7
25 322220 Eashy Saint (Mrs W. Blow), M. Easterby, 8-11 M. Birch 14
28 000 Floribel (Mrs T. Langton), P. Rohan, 8-11 ...J. Seagrave 4
29 0420 Foxy Fanny (Mrs I. Bush), P. Rohan, 8-11 .. T. O'Ryan 3
32 000000 Halifeld Star (J. Gratrix), J. Vinball, 8-11 .. S. Salmon 1
33 0 Havak In (J. Hawkins), J. Vickers, 8-11 ...... O. Gray 6
34 0 Jerwitch (R. Rowbottom), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 J. Skilling 10
36 0 Middlestone Lady (W. Blackett), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11 T. Davies 7 5
37 0 Spurn Point (D. Burton), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 B. Connorton 9
41 00 Wise Child (Mrs W. Smart), S. Norton, 8-11 .. G. Oldroyd 13
5-2 Stilton, 100-30 Cool Trader, 9-2 Gulp, 11-2 Eashy Saint, 7-1 Armidale, 8-1 New Kingdom, 12-1 others.

2.45 BYWELL PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 2m)
2 000-000 Alcido Honey (J. Webster), W. Gray, 9-0 .... E. Apter 10
3 304032 Bright Comet (R. Tilling), R. Hanbury, 9-0 ...... E. Johnson 9
5 000030 Modin (A. Brook), W. Atkinson, 9-0 ...... P. Kelleher 1
10 Moon Step (A. Dalton-Brown), K. Payne, 9-0 .. A. Cousins 3
13 302404 Provident (E. Smith), Hbt Jones, 9-0 ...... J. Seagrave 11
21 0-0 Danelara (W. Hamey), D. Plant, 8-11 ...... D. Plant 5
24 00-0 Haze (G. Turnbull), W. Elsey, 8-11 ...... E. Hide 4
25 00-4222 High Drama (Exors of late R. Watson), H. Candy, 8-11 P. Waldron 12
29 0000 Limehead (Mrs W. Wilcox), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11 A. Barclay 8
30 00-044 Maddelena (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), M. Prescott, 8-11 G. Duffield 3
31 040222 Sistina (Sir K. Butt), B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... R. Jago 6
36 000300 Torlonia (Lady Seton), Doug Smith, 8-11 .... N. Carver 7 7
2-1 Sistina, 100-30 High Drama, 4-1 Bright Comet, 6-1 Provident, 8-1 Modin, 12-1 Maddelena, 14-1 others.

3.15 HICKLETON HANDICAP (£710: 1m)
4 003100 Multiple (Mrs D. Thompson), S. Wainwright, 5-9-1 J. Seagrave 12
6 000200 Double River (C) (J. Taylor), E. Carr, 3-9-1 B. Connorton 6
7 240231 Sindab (R. Speight), J. W. Watts, 3-8-12 ...... E. Hide 4
8 010203 Caribbean Boy (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 6-8-10 D. Nicholls 5 5
11 000340 Gambela (D) (J. Wilson), W. Gray, 4-8-7 ...... E. Apter 1
12 013300 Abercata (D) (Mrs N. Napier), E. Collingwood, 3-8-6 O. Gray 10
13 440203 Princeley Mount (CD) (J. Wigan), R. Hollinshead, 5-8-5 T. Ives 8
15 011u02 Dream Town (D) (J. Watriss), R. Armstrong, 5-8-4 W. Carson 3
16 3-12124 Affirmative (CD) (J. Spriggs), M. H. Easterby, 3-8-4 S. Salmon 5 7
19 003400 Humber Pilot (CD) (W. Hewitt), R. C. Ward, 4-8-3 C. Moss 14
20 233222 Marcus Game (W. Sowerby), W. A. Stephenson, 5-8-3 A. Barclay 9
21 000114 Rosalina (D) (R. Payne), V. Mitchell, 5-8-1 .. M. L. Thomas 6
23 030232 Troopelie (Lord Zetland), J. W. Watts, 3-7-13 .. J. Lowe 11
24 44-2100 Full Value (Sir J. Thorn), D. Ringer, 4-7-13 .. T. McKeown 15
5-1 Sindab, 7-2 Marcus Game, 9-2 Dream Town, 6-1 Troopelie, 7-1 Princely Mount, 9-1 Affirmative, 10-1 Caribbean Boy, 12-1 others.

3.45 BROMPTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £432: 1½m)
2 302320 Son of Ragusa (H. Swarbrick), J. Calvert, 9-4 .. S. Freeman 5
5 411213 Moray (D) (Col Sir D. Clague), M. H. Easterby, 8-12 T. Walsh 11
10 3-33030 Heriot (A. Innes), N. Angus, 8-4 .... V. Dunlop 7
12 032210 Porto Rico (G. Daly), J. Etherington, 8-5 ...... R. Mead 8
13 00-2231 Royal Orbit (D) (D. Adams), J. W. Watts, 8-5 .. K. Milner 1
15 0-01401 La Gaffia (D) (F. Sinnford-Smith), P. Rohan, 7-13 S. Horton 6
18 10-42010 Gyrate (D) (Maj S. Watt), M. Prescott, 7-11 G. Nutter 10
21 021000 Distant Cousin (Mrs A. Raphaelson), R. Bastiman, 7-8 R. Eccles 5
22 100042 Nutshell (Sir K. Parkinson), M. W. Easterby, 7-7 J. Buchanan 3
23 001-031 Florica (Mrs T. Landon), P. Rohan, 7-7 .... R. Barker 2
28 000000 Haut Girl (Mrs A. Allison), G. Stephenson, 7-7 .. A. Holland 9
3-1 Royal Orbit, 100-30 La Gaffia, 9-2 Son of Ragusa, 6-1 Nutshell, 8-1 Porto Rico, 10-1 Florica, 14-1 others.

4.15 BARTON COTTAGE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £762: 6f)
3 03401 Night Glow (R. Sangster), S. Nesbitt, 8-0 .... S. Webster 5 11
5 000414 Miss Warmspun (G. Williams), J. Harris, 8-8 .. C. Moss 12
7 0400 Diamond Bill (Mrs J. Mullion), R. Armstrong, 8-7 W. Carson 5
11 00011 Tyrsleno (Mrs A. Fawkes), T. Molony, 8-1 M. L. Thomas 6
16 000140 Miss Chelsea (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 8-0 .. T. McKeown 9
18 01010 Resin (D) (H. Wrigley), M. W. Easterby, 7-13 J. Skilling 8
21 23033 Matter of Fact (D. Smith), Denys Smith, 7-8 L. Charnock 3 7
26 032130 Grey Sail (A. Verdiani), J. Calvert, 7-8 .... J. Lowe 2
27 003 Regular (Maj M. Wyatt), M. Prescott, 7-6 .... R. Still 10
28 000100 The Danstan (J. Jackson), E. Weymes, 7-6 .... A. Lewis 4
29 00312 Blue Jet (D) (J. Taylor), E. Carr, 7-5 .... C. Eccleston 6
32 001 Chasing Rainbows (D) (R. Warner), K. Payne, 7-8 S. Eccles 7 1
11-4 Tyralena, 7-2 Blue Jet, 4-1 Night Glow, 13-2 Resin, 10-1 Miss Chelsea, Serular, 12-1 Miss Warmspun, 16-1 others.

4.45 LILBURN TOWER PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £345: 5f)
2 30402 Aldbrough (Mrs M. Ball), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 J. Seagrave 5
4 002 The Brothers (P. Bowker), W. Haigh, 9-0 .... O. Gray 8
5 00320 Catch Me Up (R. Nisbet), E. Carr, 9-0 .. B. Connorton 7
8 0033 Forest Moor (F. Smith), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 .... M. Birch 13
13 400000 Jukes Walk (S. Duncan), S. Nesbitt, 9-0 .... C. Moss 1
14 000 Jump for Joy (Mrs B. Trowbitt), W. A. Stephenson, 9-0 T. Davies 7 11
18 0322 Master Cutter (A. Duff), J. W. Watts, 9-0 .... J. Lowe 9
21 40203 More (G. Bower), J. Etherington, 9-0 .... C. Dwyer 4
26 000 Reckless Lad (R. Ingamells), V. Mitchell, 9-0 M. L. Thomas 6
27 00043 Royal Tanner (J. Leigh), Leigh, 9-0 .... C. Moss 2
29 0003 Solar Saint (Al. Warwick), W. Gray, 9-0 .... E. Apter 12
35 3 Tower King (J. Finlayson), R. Hinckshaw, 9-0 L. G. Brown 14
45 044 Krugerrand (R. Peacock), Peacock, 8-11 ...... A. Barclay 10
47 0003 Mallow (E. Driffield), E. Weymes, 8-11 .... E. Johnson 3
55 00443 Skiddy River (M. Marshall), J. Calvert, 8-11 S. Freeman 7 10
57 Wigeon (W. Tilley), Tilley, 8-11 .... E. Hide 3
7-4 Master Cutter, 5-2 Forest Moor, 3-1 Aldbrough, 8-1 Catch Me Up, 10-1 More, 14-1 Solar Saint, 20-1 others.

5.15 LILBURN TOWER PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £345: 5f)
3 00 Brewmaster (J. Ross), J. Mulhall, 9-0 .... J. Seagrave 13
12 0 Joburg (W. Manners), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 .... E. Hide 9
15 483400 Just Fred (W. Kendrick), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 .... T. Ives 8
19 Melrose (D. Flynn), S. Hall, 9-0 .... E. Johnson 10
22 Off the Track (T. Gillam), Gillam, 9-0 .... J. Lowe 11
24 Prinstcroft Boy (C. Morgan), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 L. G. Brown 5
28 0 Rosla Boy (N. McCaffer), J. Cousins, 9-0 .... C. Dwyer 7
31 00 Selenas Dancer (J. Bainbridge), W. Atkinson, 9-0 P. Kelleher 6
32 34 Tribal Duel (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 9-0 B. Connorton 4
35 000 Uhaldimy (M. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 9-0 .... M. Nuttall 7 3
39 00 Fast Flo (J. Taylor), E. Carr, 8-11 .... M. Birch 13
40 344 Portorn Queen (Mrs G. Bainbridge), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11 A. Barclay 1
48 3 Kushbehar (D. Craig), F. Carr, 8-11 .... G. Cadwaladr 8
52 000000 Princess Silfar (Mrs P. de Savary), H. Williams, 8-11 P. Waldron 12
58 040 River Potter (R. Elliott), W. Haigh, 8-11 .... O. Grey 11
2-1 Kushbehar, 4-1 Tribal Duel, 5-1 Portorn Queen, 13-2 Joburg, 8-1 Just Fred, 10-1 Melrose, 14-1 Prinstcroft Boy, 20-1 others.

Thirsk selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Armidale. 2.45 Sistina. 3.15 DREAM TOWN is specially recommended. 3.45 Moray. 4.15 Miss Warmspun. 4.45 Master Cutter. 5.15 Kushbehar.

Sandown Park programme

2.0 ATHFORD PLATE (3-y-o: £414: 5f)
101 0032- Anns Dream (A. Bosley), C. Heasey, 9-0 .... D. Maitland 4
102 0-0344 Bold Arrow (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 9-0 .... R. Cottle 8 14
103 023004 Falcon's Heir (T. Llewellyn-Jones), R. Akehurst, 9-0 G. Baxter 13
104 032012 Fort Henry (J. Parsons), S. Woodman, 9-0 .... L. Johnson 5 19
105 030003 Nalanda (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 9-0 .... J. Durr 20
108 0 Ball Breeze (Miss M. Hindley), L. Banstead, 8-11 R. Rouse 10
112 00-0003 Friendly Queen (K. Carling), R. Hannon, 8-11 .... J. Curant 11
113 00-0 Hot Seat (D. Prenn), J. Winter, 8-11 .... R. Taylor 1
115 000000 Ishka (P. Smith), R. Cambidge, 8-11 .... F. Morby 11
116 0-00000 Jaguar (A. Ross), G. Smyth, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 16
118 30042 Our Sons (Mrs D. Hicks), M. Prescott, 8-11 .... F. Eldin 17
121 40-00 Rindoo (L. Kashiwagi), J. Gosling, 8-11 .... A. Murray 18
122 202002 Silver Camp (Mrs R. Mason), R. Mason, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 7
125 000000 Smartie Pants (C. Heriton), D. Marks, 8-11 .. C. Williams 11
131 000 Talarea (Mrs H. Collins), M. Masson, 8-11 .... A. Bond 1
135 00 Tasmena (P. Evans), W. Marshall, 8-11 .... P. Gallagher 3
137 004 Tudispar (G. Pritchard-Gordon), R. Smyth, 8-11 P. Cheese 7 2
138 040-000 Welcome Honey (Mrs H. Harris), W. Wightman, 8-11 D. Cullen 13
127 00000 Wynsome Miss (Mrs W. Stirland), J. Holt, 8-11 Ron Hutchinson 8
130 0 Youngest Child (W. Holden), Holden, 8-11 .... J. Egan 2
7-2 Nalanda, 4-1 Fort Henry, 5-1 Our Sons, 13-2 Falcon's Heir, 8-1 Bold Arrow, 10-1 Anns Dream, 12-1 Friendly Queen, Silver Camp, 14-1 Tudispar, 20-1 others.

2.30 THAMES HANDICAP (£743: 1m)
201 101234 Little Run (D) (Mrs B. Walter), F. Cundell, 5-9-7 P. Cook 3
202 44-0042 Blackboat (J. Grady), B. Lunness, 6-9-5 .. G. Starkey 3
203 0001-00 Time Out (D) (G. MacDonald), D. Dandello, 6-9-3 J. Reid 5 8
204 320211 Sam Cade (Capt M. Smyly), M. Smyly, 4-9-3 .... F. Morby 18
205 2111-00 Atlantic Princess (D. Pascoe), P. Cole, 5-9-2 R. Edmondson 2
206 10000-0 Starlit Wagon (H. Aolin), R. Hannon, 5-8-13 .. F. Durr 12
209 03-3 El Drac (J. Woodman), S. Woodman, 5-8-12 .... — 17
210 0-00013 Lucky Seventeen (D) (P. Zeisel), D. Weeden, 3-8-10 L. Piggott 4
213 001000 High Density (Mrs U. Merrington), G. Balding, 4-8-8 R. Fox 5 16
214 104-000 Sadeir's Spear (B. Swindells), W. Holden, 3-8-7 P. Guan 7 11
215 400-000 The Mandarin (K. Campbell), R. Jarvis, 4-8-7 .. E. Eldin 1
217 403264 Prince Jay (R. Calling), C. Dingwall, 4-8-3 .. G. Baxter 13
218 000030 Grand Rose (E. Jacob), V. Cross, 3-8-1 .. A. Kimberley 15
219 000000 Westward Landing (D) (Mrs R. Thompson), W. Wightman, 4-8-1 .. D. Cullen 20
220 00-0000 Card Sharp (T. Martin), G. Balding, 3-8-1 .... J. Curant 19
221 0-04000 Gellina (Mrs F. Nagle), Mrs Nagle, 4-8-0 .... A. Bond 10
222 00-0014 Flying Bridge (Mrs P. Fellden), G. Smyth, 4-8-0 R. Wernham 5 1
223 004044 Oh Well (K. Candell), P. Gundell, 3-8-0 .... D. Moss 7 7
225 110000 Monetary Star (Mrs J. Brooks), P. Cundell, 3-7-13 R. Middleton 7 21
226 00-0030 Summer Season (F. Allison), G. Stephenson, 4-7-11 .. — 6
228 0-00 Carlasco (Mrs R. Claydon), D. Barons, 4-7-11 .... — 12
4-1 Lucky Seventeen, 9-2 Sam Cade, 6-1 Little Run, Blackboat, 7-1 Flying Bridge, 8-1 Atlantic Princess, 10-1 Time Out, 12-1 Monetary Star, 16-1 High Density, 20-1 others.

3.0 EUCLID HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,373: 7f)
301 0312 Piper (CD) (Col J. Berry), I. Balding, 9-5 .... J. Mercer 6
302 111313 Fastpad (D) (Sir H. Ingram), P. Walwyn, 9-5 .. P. Eddery 3
303 311300 Firestorm (A. Tenty), I. Balding, 8-12 .... R. Wernham 5 2
306 31224 Ramadan (Lord Carnarvon), P. Nelson, 8-11 .... R. Fox 5 5
311 01321 Whitstable (R. Atkinson), P. Cundell, 8-3 .... L. Piggott 7
312 030 Napporon (Sir R. McAlpine), Doug Smith, 8-1 .. E. Eldin 1
313 022 Saturnus (K. Nurse), R. Akehurst, 7-13 .... G. Baxter 8
315 034 Prince's Cave (D. Lemos), C. Brittain, 7-12 .... D. Cullen 4
318 030 Sweet Hortense (P. Simmonite), L. Hall, 7-2 .. D. McKay 2
321 00020 Sfa Maria (Mrs A. Villar), B. Hobbs, 7-0 .. C. Rodrigues 7 10
11-4 Piper, 100-30 Fastpad, 9-2 Firestorm, 6-1 Ramadan, 8-1 Saturnus, 10-1 Whitstable, 12-1 Napporon, Prince's Cave, 16-1 others.

3.30 ARION HANDICAP (£621: 1¼m)
401 321-000 Caesar's Flame (F. Monro), W. Wightman, 3-9-7 F. Durr 10
405 220121 Grinling Gibbons (A. Bodie), G. Harwood, 3-9-6 G. Starkey 4
406 132212 Inkuband (K. Bandisch), B. Hills, 3-9-6 .... P. Eddery 12
410 f01-100 First Footman (H. Thomas), W. Marshall, 3-9-1 R. Marshall 2
412 04-0121 Lucky Shot (C) (H. Joel), R. Ingham, 3-8-13 .... G. Lewis 11
414 002111 Regal Step (Mrs B. Firestone), B. Houghton, 3-8-12 F. Morby 6
415 404130 Laurus (Maj V. McCalmont), P. Nelson, 3-8-11 Ron Hutchinson 1
416 00-2312 Marchant (G. St George), H. Cecil, 3-8-11 .... L. Piggott 2
418 000022 Scottish Lantern (G. Sheppard), M. Goswell, 4-8-7 B. Rouse 8
420 343022 Ballydamus (Mrs J. Napolitano), N. Vigors, 3-8-3 P. Cook 7
421 0-004 Good Courage (C) (L. Morse), O. O'Neill, 5-8-1 G. Baxter 3
422 40-3322 Sob Story (Lady Aitken), D. Hanley, 5-7-13 .... D. Cullen 6
5-2 Lucky Shot, 4-1 Inkuband, 11-2 Marchant, 6-1 Grinling Gibbons, 8-1 Regal Step, 10-1 Ballydamus, Caesar's Flame, 12-1 Laurus, 20-1 others.

4.0 SIRENIA PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 5f)
503 1122 Royal Boy (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-3 B. Raymond 1
511 0 Snaffles (B. Firestone), B. Houghton, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 5
514 000 Time City (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 8-11 .... F. Durr 3
518 0 Whistling Pop (Lt-Col J. Brooks), W. Stephenson, 8-11 D. Ryan 4
521 Important News (Mrs S. Bates), J. Sutcliffe, 8-8 B. Rouse 6
525 00 Portella (Miss M. Freeman), F. Freeman, 8-8 .. R. Marshall 2
2-5 Royal Boy, 6-1 Time City, 8-1 Important News, 12-1 Snaffles, 14-1 Whistling Pop, 16-1 Portella.

4.30 TANGIERS STAKES (£590: 1½m)
602 Force Ten (S. Donaldson), W. Stephenson, 5-12-0 Mr P. Hills 5 11
603 Kempton Lad (A. Neaves), Neaves, 8-12-0 Mrs M. Eagleton 5 22
604 032000 Lemon (M. Tate), Tate, 6-12-0 .... Mr R. Tate 18
605 0000-04 Charabar (J. Rowley), A. Jarvis, 4-11-11 Mr J. Rowley 5 3
606 0 Cin Bleu (Miss C. Smith), R. Vibert, 8-11-11 .... — 3
607 000-0 Royal Moss (D. Coates), D. Jermy, 3-11-11 Mr D. Coates 5 3
608 Whistlers Bay (D. Buchanan), G. Richards, 4-11-11 Mr N. Richards 14
609 00-0000 Blue Gipsy (P. Freeman), Freeman, 4-11-8 Miss J. Hall 21
611 003033 Ptarmigan (R. Dalby), C. Brewicks, 4-11-8 Mr P. Dalby 3 6
612 300020 Baltic Ruler (N. Simpson), R. Jarvis, 5-11-8 Mr C. Platts 8
613 00020 Brave Lea (Mrs J. Burr), D. Marks, 5-11-8 Mr J. Nelson 2
616 0000-00 Jackie's Lad (D. Martin-Betts), J. O'Donoghue, 5-11-8 Mrs J. Krall 5 15
617 000-0 My Revenge (J. Lion), N. Vigors, 5-11-8 Mr N. Henderson 10
618 0f000 Oshortry (K. Ivory), Ivory, 5-11-8 Mr G. King 17
619 232000 Pink Palace (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 5-11-8 Mr R. Hutchinson 5 16
620 004004 Ueo (Mrs D. Miller), R. Hannon, 5-11-0 .. Mr S. Marshead 10
621 302 Zaskar (F. Budd), B. Hills, 3-11-0 .... Miss S. Hogan 7
622 003040 Alison's Jewel (Mrs G. Jackson), R. Turnell, 3-11-11 Miss J. Penn 1
623 303300 Gypsy Bronze (B. Welch), D. Keith, 3-10-11 Mr N. Gaselee 4
624 0000 Magic Love (R. Heath), J. Holt, 3-10-11 .... Mrs A. Holt 5 13
625 0 Priory Lass (J. O'Donoghue), O'Donoghue, 3-10-11 Miss R. Hoggis 5 20
626 0 Tinkling Doll (F. Brown), A. Jarvis, 5-10-11 Mr J. Docker 12
11-4 Zaskar, 4-1 Ptarmigan, 5-1 Pink Palace, 8-1 Baltic Ruler, Gypsy Bronze, 10-1 Brave Lea, 12-1 My Revenge, Whistlers Bay, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Silver Camp. 2.30 Sam Cade. 3.0 Fastpad. 3.30 Lucky Shot. 4.0 Royal Boy. 4.30 Zaskar.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.30 Marchant. 4.0 Royal Boy.

Results yesterda[...]

2.0 (2.4) TADCA[...] fillies: £1,558: [...] Rowantree, b f, [...] Calvine (Col J[...] Fair Sarita, b f, [...] Tar Sanela [...] Sienna, b f, [...] (E. Driffield) [...]

ALSO RAN: 11 [...] Louise Valliere, 2[...] Fire-Screen, Guil[...] Tinkletops, Vanill[...] First, Cheyenne, [...] Damus, 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 47[...] 16p, I. Balding, [...] hd, 1min 15.5sec [...]

2.35 (2.37) BISH[...] CAP [...] Ronda, ch f, by [...] land Reel (Miss [...] Horel, 8-5 [...] Shahrao, b f [...] Contourno (Mrs [...] Hopeful Steam, [...] Venture—Hunter[...] 8-1 [...] ALSO RAN: [...] Assurance (4th), [...] The Rules, 18-1 [...] Marine, Laulock, [...] TOTE: Win 30[...] 55p; dual forecast [...] Newmarket, 11, 1[...]

3.10 (3.15) FOL[...] (£1,732: 1m) [...] Quizair, ch h, by [...] Breeze (G. Mac[...] Step Ahead, b c [...] Schell (Mrs D. [...] Summer Knave, [...] Summer Night [...] (J. Prancer), 8-8 [...] ALSO RAN: 9-2 [...] Quarter, 11-2 Touch [...] Gracious Melody, [...] Trackers Highway, [...] Kenco, 14-1 Wanly [...] TOTE: Win, £1.5[...] 19p, R. Jarvis, at [...] 1min 37.45sec.

3.40 (3.41) HES[...] (£1,151: 1m 4f) [...] Ca Marche, h c, [...] Marching (J. Wh[...] Blue Chrome, br [...] —Narratus (G. [...] Moral Sound, br [...] Sound Record[...] 3-8-11 ...... [...] ALSO RAN: 6-1 R[...] 20-1 Vishvamitra, [...] 100-1 Jewel of [...] 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p, [...] 21p; dual forecast, [...] Marlborough, 3l, 2[...]

4.10 (4.11) RUFF[...] (£1,535: 1½m) [...] Peaceful, ch c, by [...] II (J. Whitney), [...] Majesty, b c, by [...] (Lady Beaverbrook [...] Sunniest Day, ch [...] Palace—Hill Shad[...] late, 5-8-5 [...] ALSO RAN: 11-[...] Falcon (4th), 8-1 [...] 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 16p, [...] forecast, 81p, J. Tree [...] 1l, 1l, 2min 36.1[...]

4.40 (4.42) CRAT[...] (3-y-o: £1,175: 6f) [...] Rhondda Prince, b[...] Prince—Honey Roy[...] 9-0 ...... A. G[...] Lady at Leisure, b [...] Bend—Whitbinay [...] Bone, 8-11 G. Lei[...] Mainspeed, b c, by [...] Way—Recarcina [...] 8-11 ...... W. G[...] ALSO RAN: 4-1 [...] Mistic Idol, 11-2 C[...] Fire (4th), 12-1 Bit[...] Quizmina, Sky Mist, [...] Fleet, Grasy Caution [...]

TOTE: Win, 21.4[...] dual, 56p, K. Payne, [...] 3l, 1l, 1min 11.80 [...] came in first beating [...] by three lengths with [...] another half a length [...] following a stewards [...] Liar was disqualified, [...] being awarded to Rho[...] TOTE DOUBLE: Qu[...] £11.60, TREBLE: Beh[...] Rhondda Prince, £30.[...]

Fontwell Park

2.15: 1, Kellagem [...] Melson (11-1); 3, H[...] 9 ran.
2.45: 1, Crumlin (2[...] hall (2-1); 3, Naple[...] 8 ran.
3.15: 1, Bevin Boy ([...] (10-1) fav; 3, Gi[...] (5-1); 6 ran.
3.45: 1, Rolyat (1[...] Mark (20-1); 3, Red [...] fav. Heracles, [...] 4.15: 1, Gay M[...] 2, Blue Silver Wonder [...] Flier (11-2); 3, [...] 4.45: 1, Equivocal [...] Strider (11-8) fav [...] (12-1), 10 ran.
DAILY DOUBLE: [...] Hinkcon, £7.95, [...] Rolyat, Equivocal, £107[...]



Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

Salary—circa £11,000 p.a.

As leader of the Officers' Management Team, the Chief Executive Officer is the Council's principal adviser on matters of general policy and has overall responsibility for the efficient management of the Council's functions. The Council is organised on corporate management lines and the successful applicant will be required to continue that policy.

Applications are invited therefore from persons of proven managerial ability and initiative which will be regarded as more important than past local government experience which is not essential.

The post is a challenging one, as the District combines a blend of civic history, urban development and rural character in its area of 63 square miles and provides services for a resident population of around 123,000.

Application forms (returnable by 24th September 1975) and further details of the post and the District are available from the Personnel Officer, 16 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3LU (Telephone: St. Albans 66100, Ext. 263).

City and District of St. Albans

Is there a case for thinking small?

Despite the growth of large-scale industry during the past century, the majority of factories in Britain are quite small. The most recent figures available, based on the 1972 Census of Production, show that 93 per cent of the United Kingdom's 110,000 manufacturing units employed fewer than 200 people. Even if the estimated 50,000 factories with fewer than 11 people are excluded, over 87 per cent of the remaining 60,000 establishments employ between 11 and 200 people each. About a third of all industrial employees are in these small factories, with another third in medium sized units employing between 200 and 1,000 people and the remainder in the large factories.

But the interesting feature of the statistics is that the proportion of employment in small factories varies from region to region, and from industry to industry. The census report (PA 1003) classifies manufacturing establishments by employment size into 60 geographical regions and 120 industries (the "Minimum List Headings"). The highest proportion of employment in small factories is in the rural areas usually with over 50 per cent of the total employment in small units.

The only urban industrial areas where the proportion of employment in small firms exceeds 30 per cent are Leicester (44.6 per cent), Northampton (41.6 per cent), Burnley/Blackburn (41.1 per cent), Leeds (41.3 per cent), Greater London (40.4 per cent), Manchester (34.4 per cent), Cheshire (33.9 per cent), Peterborough (33.5 per cent), the Outer Metropolis (32.5 per cent), Birmingham (31.4 per cent) and Derby/Nottingham (30.4 per cent).

At the other extreme, the industrial areas with the lowest proportion of employment in small firms are Barrow (8.3 per cent), Coventry (16.4 per cent), Teesside (15.8 per cent), Flint (17.2 per cent), Preston (18.7 per cent), Newcastle (19.3 per cent), Swansea (19.5 per cent), Scunthorpe (20.6 per cent), Merseyside (21.8 per cent), South Lancashire (21.9 per cent) and Cardiff (24.4 per cent).

Most of the industrial areas with the relatively low proportion of employment in small units are generally regarded as less prosperous than those with the higher proportion. The exceptions are perhaps Burnley/Blackburn, where the high proportion of small factories may be associated with the textile and clothing industries and, in the other group, Coventry, which was often quoted as a prosperous city until the recent decline of the vehicle industry.

Confirmation of these differences in regional prosperity is given by the proportion of employment in large factories with more than 1000 people. Again, the rural areas show proportions below 20 per cent and the only urban industrial areas with less than 30 per cent of employment in large units are Leicester (17.0 per cent), Burnley/Blackburn (18.4 per cent) Leeds (19.9 per cent), Northampton (22.3 per cent), Greater London (26.3 per cent), Manchester (25.4 per cent) and Stoke (29.9 per cent).

The areas with the highest proportion of employment in big factories are Barrow (78.0 per cent), Coventry (62.4 per cent), Flint (60.3 per cent), Scunthorpe (58.4 per cent), Teesside (55.7 per cent), Preston (55.1 per cent), Swansea (52.2 per cent), Merseyside (50.1 per Glasgow (43.7 per cent), York (43.5 per cent), Newcastle (41.9 per cent), Bristol/Bath (41.8 per cent), and Cardiff (40.4 per cent).

The analysis by size of unit within industries shows that the group of industries (ie Orders) with the highest proportion of employment in small factories are timber and furniture (71.1 per cent), clothing and footwear (57.5 per cent), leather (52.8 per cent and miscellaneous metal goods (50.4 per cent). the latter including such categories as hand tools, cutlery, wire and jewelry.

Those with the lowest proportion of employment in small firms are vehicles (10.5 per cent), shipbuilding (14.4 per cent), electrical engineering (16.3 per cent), metal manufacture (17.7 per cent), and chemicals (21.4 per cent). In some of the individual industries, the proportion of total employment in large units is very high, eg, aerospace (79.9 per cent), tractors (79.8 per cent), industrial engines (76.0 per cent), telephone equipment (74.5 per cent), iron and steel (70.8 per cent), shipbuilding (66.4 per cent) and motor vehicles (65.9 per cent). There may be a few others, too, because for some industries the Census data does not give figures in order to avoid disclosure of information about individual firms.

All these figures relate to manufacturing units, some of which may be satellite factories of large organizations. No recent analysis is available by size of enterprise to show the contrast between the small independent companies and the giant organizations with multiple factories. However, there seems to be sufficient correlation between the proportion of employment in small units and industrial prosperity to warrant further detailed investigation.

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Welsh Office-Y Swyddfa Gymreig

Industrial Director

To promote new industrial growth and advise on Government Aid.

The Welsh Office is responsible for implementing Government measures aimed at stimulating industrial development in Wales. An important element in the Government's regional policy is the selective aid programme.

Based in Cardiff, the Industrial Director has a key role in assessing industrial needs in Wales and in the preparation of projects for submission to the Welsh Industrial Development Board. In close co-operation with the Director, Industry Department, Welsh Office (a Civil Service Under Secretary), the person appointed will exercise considerable authority in the allocation of selective financial assistance to industry.

The primary responsibilities of this post will be:

1. To seek out firms which might be encouraged to undertake expansion projects.
2. To evaluate applications for selective financial assistance and to make recommendations.
3. To provide an industrialist's view on steps which will encourage the expansion and modernisation of industry within Wales.

Candidates must have held a senior managerial position in industry or finance (preferably both). It is essential that the successful candidate should be able to work with others in a team and to communicate his particular expertise. Candidates should also have the ability to discuss financial issues authoritatively with top managements and to influence the planning and decision-making of industrial companies in a positive manner.

The salary for the post is to be agreed in the light of the experience and relevant qualifications of the successful candidate, but will not be less than £10,500.

The appointment will be for two years. As an alternative to direct appointment a secondment from a candidate's present employer can be arranged on reimbursement terms to be negotiated.

Please write, enclosing a curriculum vitae, and quoting references to Mr L. M. Lloyd, MBE, Establishment Officer, Welsh Office, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ, as soon as possible and in any case not later than 29th September 1975.

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Starting salary may be above the minimum of the quoted range. Non-contributory pension scheme.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 26th September, 1975), write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 68551 (answering service operates outside office hours) or London 01-839 1992 (24 hour answering service.

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Closing date for applications is 17th September 1975. Please quote reference 114.

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Blacktown District Hospital
N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

STAFF RADIOLOGIST

Applications are invited for the position of Staff Radiologist (full-time Radiologist) at the Blacktown District Hospital.

Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Medical Officers-Hospital Specialists Award (A$19,935 to A$27,402). An additional administrative allowance would apply (A$544 to A$1,152) depending on previous experience. There is a limited right of private practice, limited to practice within the hospital.

Blacktown Hospital is a general acute, 250-bed hospital situated in the western metropolitan district of Sydney, a rapidly expanding area which presently serves a population of approximately 200,000. The X-Ray Department is presently being re-equipped and redesigned to bring it in line so that all procedures can be done. Construction has commenced on a new 100 bed Maternity Unit to bring the bed total to 350 in the near future.

Interested applicants should apply to Dr. Peter Hamilton, Medical Superintendent, who will be in London from August 25th for 6 weeks. Appointments may be made by phoning the Office of The Agent General for N.S.W., 66 Strand, London, W.C.2—phone 01-839 6651 between 9 a.m. and noon.

VACANCY FOR SECRETARY TO THE TERRITORIAL, AUXILIARY AND VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION FOR THE NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND AND THE ISLE OF MAN

Applications are invited for the Secretaryship of the Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for the North West of England and the Isle of Man, based on Liverpool and covering the counties of Cumbria, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Cheshire and Isle of Man. The post will become vacant on 15 August 1976 and the successful applicant will be required to understudy the present Secretary for one month before taking over.

Applicants should, preferably, have Service Staff experience of at least Grade 1 level (or equivalent) and have reached the age of 45, but not have reached the age of 55, as at 15 July 1976, unless now employed by a Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association. Present salary is £6,925 per annum and subject to annual review.

The applicant must reside within the counties of Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside or Cheshire within 45 minutes commuting distance of the Headquarters Office in Liverpool. A "tied" house or cottage is available if required.

The appointment is for a probationary period of 18 months in the first instance, after which it may be confirmed to the age of 55, with the retirement at that year in the age of 55, subject to satisfactory annual reports. The successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination and to contribute to the Superannuation Fund.

Application forms may be obtained from
THE SECRETARY,
NW OF ENGLAND & IOM TAVR ASSOCIATION,
CRAWFORD HOUSE,
UPPER WARWICK STREET, LIVERPOOL L8 8HF.

Completed forms must reach the Association by not later than 20th October 1975.

No testimonials or similar documents should be sent until asked for. All applications received will be acknowledged. Any form of canvassing will lead to immediate disqualification.

Society of Architectural & Associated Technicians

APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR

The Society, now in its eleventh year and with a membership of 5,000 in the Architectural, Quantity Surveying and Structural Engineering disciplines, wishes to appoint a London based Director with overall responsibility for administrative, legal and financial affairs. The Director will also be responsible for the development and implementation of major policy and for practice and educational relationships with other bodies.

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Applicants should preferably have experience of working within the professional institutes in the construction industry.

Further information and forms of application may be obtained from THE HON. SECRETARY, MR. R. L. BURCHETT, 77 ARDEN ROAD, PURNACE GREEN, CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

Closing date for applications—Friday, 19th September, 1975.

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NERAL VACANCIES

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

Legal Civil Service in Scotland

LEGAL APPRENTICE

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QUALIFICATION: A good degree in law (with or without honours and with or without a preliminary M.A. degree). Applications are also invited from those who hope to graduate in June, 1976. The successful candidate must hold an Entrance Certificate from the Law Society of Scotland before taking an appointment.

SALARY: £2,393—£2,845—£2,975.

APPLICATION FORMS and further information may be obtained by writing to the Scottish Office Personnel Division, Room 220, 23/25 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1LY, quoting PM/PTS/2/14 75.

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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY
PROFESSOR OF DESIGN

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Applicants should have experience and expertise in design education, with a developed ability to teach non-specialist design, and preferably active research interests that relate design to the wider issues of technology, society and culture.

Salary in the normal professorial range, with membership of the Universities' Superannuation Scheme.

Further particulars are available from the Personnel Manager (PD2A), The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. Telephone Milton Keynes (0908) 63068.

The closing date for applications is 31st October, 1975.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Sheffield Polytechnic

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER STUDIES

This is a new Department to be established from 1 September 1975 as a result of the restructuring of the existing Department of Mathematics & Computing Science.

The Head will be required to give leadership, purpose and direction to the two discrete but related subject areas of Information Systems and Computer Science to be contained within this Department which will assume responsibility for running the CNAA B.Sc. and B.Sc. Honours degree in Computing Science, Higher National Diplomas and Certificate Courses in Computer Studies and maintaining and developing a sizable contribution to a wide range of established and projected Courses across the Polytechnic, particularly in the areas of Business and Management Studies and Engineering. The Department will also sustain the provision of a programme of short courses.

Salary Scale: Grade VI: £8,037-£8,913

Application forms and further details obtainable from the Personnel Officer, Sheffield Polytechnic, Halfords House, Fitzalan Square, Sheffield, S1 1EB, to whom completed forms should be returned within fourteen days.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Sheffield Polytechnic

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS STUDIES

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Salary Scale: Grade VI: £8,037-£8,913

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Sydney

LECTURESHIP/ SENIOR LECTURESHIP IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAW

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The position is permanent but may be filled at the Lectureship level for three years in the first instance, with possibility of permanency during that time, or in certain cases return fares.

Salary ranges: Senior Lecturer $A15,684 to $A18,844; Lecturer $A11,665 to $A15,665.

Applications including curriculum vitae, list of publications and names of three referees by September 30, 1975, to the Registrar, University of Sydney, N.S.W. 2006, Australia, from whom further information is available. Information also available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appointments), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

University of Dundee

GRADUATES' COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council will be held in the University at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, 1975. Notice of any items of business should reach the Secretary of the University not later than Saturday, September 27, 1975.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of London

READERSHIP IN MICROBIOLOGY
AT THE CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE

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School of Management & Business Studies

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Further details and application form from the Personnel Officer (T.S.S.)

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Edinburgh

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION

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Applications are invited for a RESEARCH ASSOCIATE to conduct this three-year project, which is supported by a grant from the Social Work Services Group in the Scottish Office and has been prepared in cooperation with the Scottish Council for the Welfare of the Disabled. The Associate will be responsible for the detailed design, including forms which there is provision for Research assistance, analysis and writing-up. Candidates should have research experience.

Salary will be on the scale £2,118 to £2,757 (National Range IA), under review, with superannuation provision.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Neil Fraser, Department of Social Administration, University of Edinburgh, Adam Ferguson Building, George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LL, to whom applications should be sent by 26th September, 1975. Please quote reference 80/75.

University of Stirling
LECTURESHIP IN COMPUTING SCIENCE

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Appointment to commence 1 January 1976 or as soon as possible thereafter. Salary scale £3,774-£6,000 (under review), plus F.S.S.U./U.S.S.

Applications, together with names of two referees should be sent to the Secretary 171, University of Stirling, Stirling by 6 October 1975, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Bristol

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Salford

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND GEOGRAPHY

LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER

IN QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for the above post tenable from 1 January 1976 or earlier if possible. Applicants should have post-graduate qualifications or research publications in the field of Quantitative Economics and for the post of Senior Lecturer, a good research record.

Salary scales: Lecturer—£2,778-£5,160 pa plus cost-of-living award. Senior Lecturer—£5,853-£7,344 plus cost-of-living award.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Salford, Salford, M5 4WT, to whom completed applications should be returned by 19 September 1975 quoting reference ECON 24/T.

University of Edinburgh
FACULTY OF MEDICINE

CHAIR OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE

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University of Southampton

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, The University, Southampton, SO9 5NH, and applications (11 copies) from applicants in the United Kingdom and one from others must be submitted before 31 October 1975.

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AGE: RO—normally at least 28; ARO—normally under 28.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Durham
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Applications from recent graduates are invited for the post of

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

in Physics to work in the field of cosmic ray air showers at the Haverah Park experiment.

Appointment for two years in the first instance from 1 October 1975, renewable for a third and final year. Initial salary £2,370 per annum (new scale assessed by arbitration and subject to further review) on a biological subject.

Appointment will be from 1 October, 1975 or as soon as possible thereafter, for one year in the first instance, and may be extended to three years in all.

Starting salary will not exceed £2,574 per annum on National Research Range 1B1.

Applications (3 copies) naming three referees should be sent by 10 September, 1975 to the Registrar and Secretary, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Southampton
FACULTY OF MEDICINE

PROFESSOR OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Applications are invited from registered medical practitioners for appointment to the new Chair of Community Medicine.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, The University of Southampton SO9 5NH, and applications (12 copies from applicants in the United Kingdom and one from others) should be submitted before 18 October, 1975. Please quote ref. T.

University of Bristol
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
IN THE
FINANCE OFFICE

Applications are invited from Qualified Accountants Commencing salary, depending upon age and experience, will be in the range £3,590 to £5,002 per annum under review. *Appropriate* Superannuation Scheme. Further particulars may be obtained from the Finance Officer, University of Bristol, Senate House, Tyndall Avenue, Bristol BS8 1TH, to whom applications should be sent by 27th September 1975.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

BURSAR'S DEPARTMENT
(FINANCE SECTION)

ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified accountants for this post. Experience of university accounting would be an advantage but is not essential.

Salary on the scale (subject to further review) £2,370-£3,429 per annum, subject to satisfactory service to £4,050 with superannuation. Starting salary according to qualifications and experience.

Six copies of applications naming three referees, should be sent by 20 September, to the Registrar, University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD, as early as possible in the session 1975-76. A scholar with interests in the literature of the period between 1750 and the present day would be preferred. Salary in the range approved for professorial appointments with superannuation provision. Further particulars from The Registrar and Secretary, The University, Sheffield S10 2TN, to whom applications (one copy only) should be sent by 20th September, 1975. Quote Ref. R 267 A.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Durham
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Applications are invited for *the post of*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

on an MRC project concerned with the control of milk intake in new born rats and rabbits, under the direction of Dr R. F. Drewett. Candidates should have a degree in psychology or a biological subject.

Appointment will be from 1 October, 1975 or as soon as possible thereafter, for one year in the first instance, and may be extended to three years in all.

Starting salary will not exceed £2,574 per annum on National Research Range 1B1.

Applications (3 copies) naming three referees should be sent by 10 September, 1975 to *the Registrar and Secretary,* Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

The University of Sheffield
DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LECTURER IN LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer and Studio Instructor for supervision of design projects at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, tenable from October 1, 1975 or as soon as possible thereafter. Good academic and professional experience required, preferably with specialist skills in design and contract supervision. Knowledge of airphoto interpretation and other techniques applied in landscape planning also an advantage. Initial salary in the range £2,778-£3,615 on the national scale £2,778-£4,050. Further particulars from The Registrar and Secretary, The University, Sheffield, S10 2TN, to whom applications (five copies) should be sent by September 15. Quote Ref. R.274/A.

University of Bristol

LECTURESHIP IN MENTAL HEALTH

Applications are invited for *the post of Lecturer in Mental* Health. Salary £3,744 to £5,355 per annum, or £6,330 to £6,915 per annum, according to qualifications and experience, together with superannuation. The successful candidate may expect to be granted appropriate honorary status with the Avon AHA(T). Inquiries may be made of Professor Russell Davis, Department of Mental Health. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Senate House, University of Bristol, Bristol, BS8 1TH, to whom applications, giving full details of qualifications and experience together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent by 20th September, 1975. Please quote reference TLJ.

The University of Sheffield

CHAIR OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

Applications are invited for a newly established second CHAIR of ENGLISH LITERATURE tenable from a date to be arranged as early as possible in the session 1976-77. A scholar with interests in the literature of the period between 1750 and the present day would be preferred. Salary in the range approved for professorial appointments with superannuation provision. Further particulars from The Registrar and Secretary, The University, Sheffield S10 2TN, to whom applications (one copy only) should be sent by 20th September, 1975. Quote Ref. R 267 A.

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

TRAVELLING AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Fellowships *for* Women Graduates for 1976/77 value $3,000 and £1,000 and several smaller awards. Closing date October 15th, 1975. Details from Academic Secretary, British *Federation of University* Women, Crosby Hall, Cheyne Walk, London SW3 5BA. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

BRASCAN LIMITED
(Incorporated under the laws of Canada)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of this Company has declared a quarterly dividend of twenty-five (25) cents per share in United States funds on the company's Class A convertible ordinary shares without nominal or par value, payable on October 31, 1975 to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 1, 1975.

The dividend on Class A convertible ordinary shares represented by share warrants to bearer will be paid against surrender of coupon No. 148 at one of the places of payment specified below.

Payment of this dividend to non-residents of Canada will, where applicable, be subject to deduction of Canadian Non-Resident Income tax.

Notice is also given that the Board of Directors of the Company has declared a quarterly dividend of twenty-one and one-quarter (21¼) cents per share in United States funds, payable out of tax-paid undistributed surplus on hand, on the Company's Class B convertible ordinary shares without nominal or par value, payable October 31, 1975 to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 1, 1975.

Places at which coupons may be *lodged for payment:*

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In Canada, at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
Main Branch, Commerce Court, Toronto, Ontario.

For the convenience of holders of bearer share warrants, arrangements have been made for the payment of coupons in United States currency against surrender thereof, accompanied by completed listing forms, at any of the afore-mentioned places and subject to regulations in force at each place of payment. Listing forms and full information as to the procedure to be followed can be obtained in Brussels, from Societe Generale de Banque, S.A.; in Frankfurt am Main, Paris, Luxembourg, Amsterdam, Geneva or Toronto from the banks there specified, or in the United Kingdom from the Company's Agents, Barings Brothers & Co., Limited, 88 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 3DT, England, or from the Company in Toronto.

Dated at Toronto, Canada, the 3rd day of September, 1975.

By Order of the Board
L. A. ALLEN,
Secretary.

The Transfer Agents of the Company are National Trust Company Limited, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg and Halifax, Canada; and the First National City Bank, New York, N.Y., U.S.A., who should be notified promptly of any change of address.

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RAMBROS BANK Limited.
5th September, 1975.

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL BILLS

Issued on 4th September, 1975, at 10 6.16thsk. £450,000 Bills. Due 4th December, 1975. Applications £1,800,000. These are the only Bills in issue.

PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICIAL NOTICE—PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SHIPS' NAMES

We, the PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, P. & O. Building, Leadenhall Street, London, EC3V 4QL hereby give notice, that in consequence of company policy, we have applied to the Department of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, in respect of two of our ships for permission to CHANGE their NAMES as follows:

Present name of ship Zaida. Official number 343015. Gross tonnage 5,088. Net tonnage 2,478. Proposed new name of ship Vendas. Present name of ship Zina. Official number 358401. Gross tonnage 6,089. Net tonnage 2,836. Proposed new name of ship Yanges.

To be registered at the Port of London in the said new names as owned by us.

Any objections to the proposed change of names must be sent to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Cardiff, within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at London this 2nd day of September 1975.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1971
Notice under Section 26
Proposed development at Battlebridge Lane SE1

Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Environment proposes to carry out the following development:—

Erection of Crown Court building exceeding 30 metres in height at Battlebridge Lane SE1.

A copy of the plans and other documents submitted with it may be inspected at all reasonable hours at Room 6/50 (Mr. D. L. Jones), 26 Christopher House, Southwark St., SE1, or London Borough of Southwark, Borough Development Department, 31-32 Peckham Road, SE5, during the period of 21 days beginning with the date of publication of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the above-mentioned Council should make them in writing within that period to the Town Clerk at Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5.

D. CAIN, on behalf of Directorate of Civil Accommodation, Property Services Agency.
Date 1st September, 1975.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 72D 0691

IN the WATFORD COUNTY COURT
In SHEIKH ABDUL RAMEED late of 19 Malvern Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex.

TAKE NOTICE that applications have been made to the above Court by Asghari Hameed (married woman), of 19 Malvern Gardens, Kenton, Harrow in the County of Middlesex for ancillary relief including an application for an order transferring your interest in 19 Malvern Gardens aforesaid to her, and an Order has been made that the publication of a notice of the entry of such applications to be advertised as follows:

Once in a daily newspaper of general circulation shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the applications on you.

The applications will be heard at Oxford House, 40 Clarendon Road, Watford in the County of Hertford on Friday, the 10th day of October, 1975 at 11.30 a.m., on which day you are to appear, and if you do not appear either in person or by your Solicitor at the time and place above mentioned, such Orders will be made as the Court thinks just.

H. L. GREEN,
Registrar.

Dated this 28th day of August 1975.

The Solicitors acting on behalf of Asghari Hameed (Married Woman) are CHODY, LITTLEJOHN & CO., of 52a Kenton Road, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 8BZ Middlesex.

IN the MATTER of ARNOLD LEVER (LONDON) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company which is being voluntarily wound up are required, on or before the 10th day of October, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Leonard Cyril Curtis, F.C.A., of Wimpole Street, London, W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 21st day of August, 1975.

LEONARD CYRIL CURTIS, F.C.A. Liquidator.

In the Matter of HONEYSTYLES MAIL ORDER Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 26th day of September, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and *addresses of their Solicitors (if* any), to the undersigned Philip Monjack F.C.A. of 15 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in *writing from the said Liquidator,* are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they *will be excluded from the benefit* of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 29th day of August 1975.

PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A. *Liquidator.*

IN the MATTER of JOLLY MANUFACTURING CO. Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 26th day of September, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Philip Monjack F.C.A. of 15 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 29th day of August, 1975.

PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A. *Liquidator.*

In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948 and in the Matter of AMAZON DARLING AND CARPET ENTRIES Limited. Registered office: 33 Clifford's Inn, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1AE.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at Winchester House, London Wall, London, E.C.2 on 24th September, 1975, at 3 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Section 294 of the said Act.

Dated this 28th day of August, 1975.

By Order of the Board
R. P. WILLIAMS,
Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002857 of 1975

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of GOOD EARTH RECORDS LIMITED and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on 28 August, 1975, presented to the said Court by Scorpio Sound of 19/20 Easton Centre, London NW1 3JH.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday 20 October 1975 and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

MICHAEL FRIEND & Co., 81 Wareham Road, Watton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 1RJ. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named, notice in writing of his intentions so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday 17 October 1975.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002859 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of STATUS DEVELOPMENTS Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was, on the 27th day of August 1975, presented to the said Court by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise of King's Beam House, 39-41, Mark Lane, London, EC3R 7HE, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 20th day of October 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

MICHAEL FRIEND & Co., 81 Wareham Road, Watton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 1RJ. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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Specification Reference:—
JEA/3430/01/K48/75

The Jordan Electricity Authority announce that the *TENDER, closing date* for the New Karak Power Station Project has been EXTENDED from the 22nd SEPTEMBER to the 15TH OCTOBER, 1975.

Any further information may be obtained from Preece, Cardew and Rider, Preston House, 165-167 Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6AF, the Consulting Engineers to the Jordan Electricity Authority for this project.

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Specifications may be inspected as from the opening date at Sonatrach representative offices in the following countries:
— FRANCE: 105 *avenue* Raymond-Poincare, Paris-16e;
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— SPAIN: Grous via Carlos III 84, Torre sur Edificio Trade 7, Barcelona;

and the Algerian Embassies at Shibuyawa Big. 1 Ban 41 Gachishiba, Kden, Minato-KU, Tokyo, and at 6 Hyde Park Gate, London, SW7.

Interested firms should submit their bids to the technical department of the Arzew Refinery B.P., 37 Arzew (Algeria), in two sealed envelopes. The object of the tender should be marked on the outer of the two envelopes.

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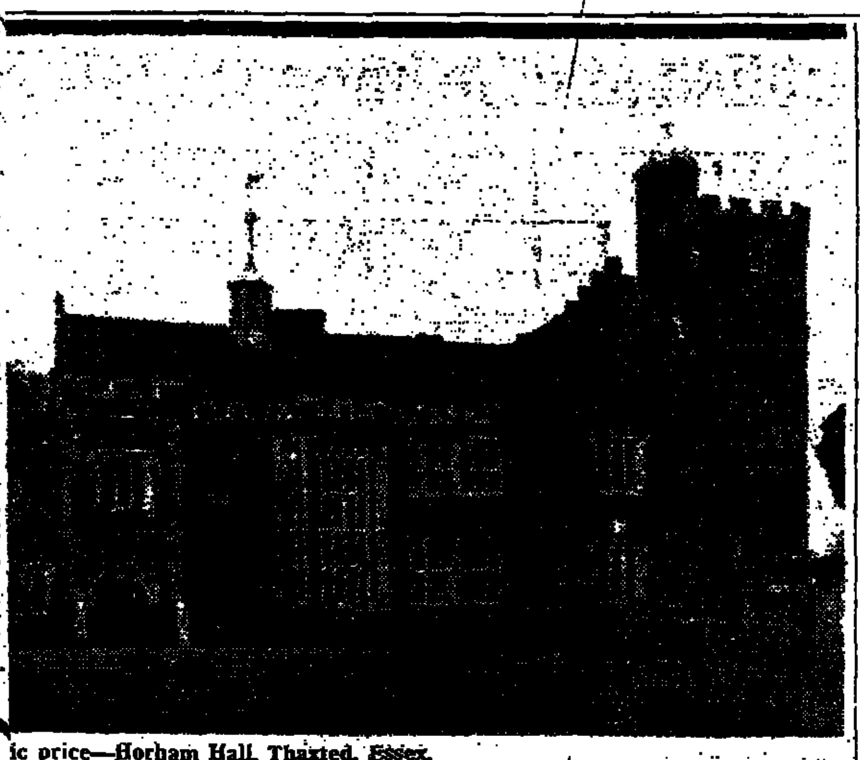
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Coulongon Castle, near Clarencefield, Dumfriesshire, also is for sale. The main building was completed in 1902, but stands beside a fifteenth-century keep which has many chambers in the walls. Both buildings are listed as being of special architectural and historical interest. Accommodation is fairly extensive, with four reception rooms, 12 bedrooms, staff quarters, and seven bathrooms. There is just over 71 acres of land, and the whole ... £60,000, or it could be sold in three lots. The agents are Knight Frank and Rutley.

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Very typical of its kind is Cheddington Manor, near Leighton Buzzard, on the borders of Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. A grade II building, it stands on the edge of the village and dates from the sixteenth century. It is built in traditional style of brick, with a timber framing and a tiled roof. Inside, stone fireplaces, oak panelling and beamed ceilings are features. There are two main reception rooms, a study, a playroom and five bedrooms, and a two-bedroom staff flat as well. Grounds run to about 7¾ acres and the price is £59,500. One or more cottages are available if required. The agents are Lane Fox and Partners, of Banbury, and Connells, of Leighton Buzzard.

Not far away at Amersham, Buckinghamshire, is Bowers Farm, another property reputed to date from the sixteenth century, with later additions. Again, there are period features, including much exposed timbering. Accommodation includes two reception rooms, a television room or study, and four bedrooms. Outside, an old granary has been converted into a studio and there is a large barn. The garden is about an acre and a half and there is a paddock of 4½ acres, now let. The price is £62,500 through Hamnett Raffety, of High Wycombe.

Rosemary Cottage, at Shadoxhurst, near Ashford, Kent, would provide a good weekend ... seventeenth-century origins, it is built of brick and white weatherboarding under an old tiled roof and is in an area of farmland and woodland. There is one sitting room, complete with inglenook fireplace, a further small study or third bedroom on the ground floor, and two other bedrooms upstairs. A good feature is a boarded attic with a window. The price is £15,650, through Finn-Kelcey Collier and Ashenden, of Ashford.

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International

Bernard Levin

The Lisbon-Blackpool road to tyranny

Look here upon this picture, and on this; in the teeth of contrary assertions from the geographers, I insist that Blackpool is not far from Lisbon, and I now present my evidence.

Watching the struggle of the Portuguese people against the *imposition* of a tyranny far worse than the one they overthrew in April last year has been an experience alternately —indeed simultaneously—enraging and exhilarating. The brutality, dishonesty and incompetence of communism have provided me over the years with many a song and not a few choruses, but there is a quality of impudence about its activities in Portugal that offers a new theme altogether. Despite all the intimidation, corruption and bluff deployed by Senhor Cunhal, the odious Stalinist *apparatchik* who came from his bolt-hole in Moscow with orders to steal the glorious revolution made by braver and more honest men, despite all the years, under the stifling rule of Salazar and his riff-raff, without experience of free political activity, despite the iron control by the Communists of the television and radio services and their heavy influence over the press, despite the desperately short time the democratic groups had to get themselves into a state of readiness comparable to that of the Communists, despite all this and more handicaps still, the Portuguese people voted overwhelmingly in favour of democracy and overwhelmingly against communism; the Communists got barely more than a tenth of the votes, and there can be little doubt that in an election today they would get far fewer.

But of what interest are the wishes of the people to the tyrants who claim to rule in their name? Ever since the Portuguese election, there has been a bitter, and increasingly violent, struggle between the people on the one hand, determined to have the freedom for which they voted so massively, and the Communists on the other, no less determined to impose the tyranny the people rejected. They have used every trick, every lie, every threat, every kind of force at their disposal, to avoid having to comply with the unambiguously expressed desire of almost all the people of Portugal—that Portugal should be governed by democrats and not by Communists. Can anyone doubt that if Portugal had a frontier with the Soviet Empire the tanks would have rolled across it months ago? (And does anyone need any help in listing those Labour MPs who would have welcomed, silently or even openly, such an action?)

That is the enraging half of the equation: but fortunately there is the other half to dwell upon, too. The sight of brave men and women resisting tyranny is always exhilarating; surely there was no one, amid the anger and despair felt at the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia by the troops of the Soviet Union and her colonies, who failed to feel also that lift of the heart at the sight of the uncrushable spirit with which the invasion was faced. (An even more powerful form of the same response was generated by the Hungarians who in 1956 rose in arms against the occupying forces.) Tyranny, whether it is Hitler's or Stalin's, Khrushchev's or Vorster's, Brezhnev's or Papadopoulos's Castro's or Caetano's, Amin's or Nkrumah's, Mao's or Franco's, always and inevitably cultivates within itself the seeds of rebellion against it; whether that rebellion issues in bloody conflict or in passive resistance or in a simple and implacable resolve, unseen and unheard, to hate tyranny for ever and to pass on that hatred, generation to generation, until the time comes for tyranny to be overthrown. And what is especially heartening about the Portuguese resistance to communism is that it comes from a people who have had no opportunity to taste political freedom for half a century, and thus demonstrates once again the principle, which I have spent most of my life proclaiming and shall die wedded to, that the desire for freedom is within every nation, even those who have not within living memory known it. That is why I use only for lighting fires those magazine and newspaper articles which tell me how popular Mr Kadar is in Hungary, and with what love and reverence every North Vietnamese regards the memory of Ho Chi Minh, and what a large majority Tito would get if there were genuine elections in Yugoslavia, and how the blacks of Rhodesia think of Mr Smith as a wise and kindly father. And that, also, is why the brave fight of the Portuguese is so encouraging, and why it is vital for all of us that it should succeed.

And what, you may ask if you still remember how I started this column, has Portugal to do with Blackpool? Why, more than the fact that you can get stung by Portuguese men-o'-war if you go swimming off Blackpool's sands. For when, on Tuesday, a mob led by the Blessed Eric Tomlinson held up the proceedings at the TUC with a demonstration on behalf of his fellow-martyr the Blessed Des Warren, the country was provided with a demonstration in another sense of the word—a demonstration, that is, of the ultimately indivisible nature of totalitarianism. It was not just that one thug was demanding the release from well-merited imprisonment of another: that was only to be expected. But it is significant that the Blessed Eric and his gang started their uproar at the first speaker (he turned out to be also the last) who dared to oppose the motion for action in support of the release of the Blessed Des. This was Mr Tom Breakell, of whom I have hitherto known nothing; the loss is clearly mine, for he seems a man of admirably plain speech and of exceptional fortitude and imperturbability. The moment he announced that he was not going to "jump on the bandwagon" the Blessed Eric and his storm troopers, resolute in their fear and hatred of even so much tolerance as would allow an opposing view to be heard, started to yell slogans and abuse, and Mr Breakell's voice became wholly inaudible above the howls.

When they paused for breath, Mr Breakell, cool and courageous, pointed out that gangsterism is no substitute for militancy—a proposition admirably designed to cover both the affair at Shrewsbury for which the Blessed Two were jailed and what was happening in the hall as he spoke. At this, the mob (no more able to bear the truth than to listen in patience to views with which they disagreed) gave tongue more vociferously than ever, and once more Mr Breakell was silenced. Mr Breakell, however, is clearly a man it is not possible to silence indefinitely, and when order was to some extent restored he made a point that should have been (but was not) sharp enough to penetrate even into the head of Mr Len Murray, who was not in condemnation of the interruptions, but had not a word of criticism of the original crime. He simply described one of the incidents at the Shrewsbury fracas that ultimately led to the imprisonment of the Blessed Eric and the Blessed Des: in this, a trade union member (but what do the interests of trade unionists matter to the totalitarians whose ideal trade unions are the kind run by Mr Shelepin and his successor?) was kicked off a scaffolding and then kicked by a group of people who had been waiting for him to be kicked off. And, added Mr Breakell, that man is now partly blind.

And now I hope the connexion is clear between what is happening in Portugal and what happened at the TUC on Tuesday. Men inspired by the same evil ideology apply it, in different countries, to their own particular circumstances, but the implications are identical: freedom will not survive anywhere that such men gain power. If Cunhal and Gonçalves and their like get control of Portugal, the whole brutal system of totalitarianism will be fastened upon the Portuguese people; if Tomlinson and Warren and *their* like should ever come to power in Britain, the same would happen here (and Mr Tom Breakell, incidentally, would be marked down as one of the first for vengeance). The tyrants are a very great deal closer to power in Portugal than in Britain: but they march along the same road.

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Reform can make some votes more equal than others

The Times has been more courageous than politicians in suggesting how we should face up to our economic ills. Unfortunately its support for electoral reform encourages the belief that there is some way of side-stepping our problems by reshuffling the political pack. It is not just a delusion, but a highly dangerous one.

History strongly suggests that systems of proportional representation tend to fragment the political spectrum and to produce multi-party systems. There are exceptions, but the general tendency, particularly in conditions of social or economic stress is clear. P.R. ensures a place for what Bagehot called "every ism in England" and *encourages the sudden growth* of new or extremist parties. The electoral system undoubtedly helped Hitler's rise to power and Chile's descent into chaos.

The fact that Ireland and Germany have strong elements of a two party system does not invalidate the general argument. Both those countries have very strong historical reasons for the political pat- political division has arisen to be anywhere as near important as that between the two main parties.

Germany's economic performance has been outstanding, and history has given it every reason to fear extremism. But it is not electoral systems which have stopped these countries developing multi-party systems. Transferred to this country, with all the strains of the last few years, the Irish and German system could have produced results quite unlike either ours or theirs.

The drawbacks of multi-party systems are as notorious as they are clear. It can become extremely difficult to effect a real change of government: as in Italy the names of the Prime Ministers change, but each *administration has an extra-* previous one. Multi-party systems are also a less democratic form of election: the choice of government is removed from the voter in an election to the Parliamentarians wheeling and dealing behind the Speaker's chair.

It should also be noted that PR and other systems now being canvassed can produce capricious results. *Preferential* voting can make some votes more equal than others, and the alternative voting system could certainly produce results even more removed from the first preferences of the electorate than under our present system.

Many of the arguments advanced recently for electoral reform are contradictory. Some say it would make little difference to our party structure—a curious reason for changing the would only fragment the Labour Party. That is not the experience of France and the Scandinavian countries, where the right has been more fissile than the left. There is no immediately apparent reason why one should believe the left would divide more quickly than the centre-right into Conservatives, Liberals, Nationalists, possibly Powellites and who knows what else in future.

Others would openly welcome fragmentation as an opportunity to create a "strong government" of the centre with Liberals, Conservatives and Social Democrats. This, they also argue, would exclude extremist measures like nationalization. Arguably this might happen with the first election under a new system. But what of the future if the government of the Great and the Good was not successful. Where would the alternative government be? People would surely have no alternative but to vote for the extreme left for exactly the reasons that have strengthened the Italian Communists.

Nor should one underestimate the strange bedfellows that permanent coalition government can produce. Who can say what deals over nationalization and devolution might not be arranged between Tribunites, nationalists and some from the centre of the old Labour Party?

The electoral system too could easily become a political football, just as happened under the Fourth Republic. If the rules of the game are altered for one party's convenience, they can be changed again.

Would a centre coalition government really be more likely to be successful in securing consent from the trade unions for economic policies? Altering the electoral system does not alter the facts of power. Mr Scargill would find it all too easy to confront a government composed of three or four different elements, all jockeying for position, all aware of the possibility of an election. present electoral system we would do well to reflect how well it has served other countries, and at least it has saved us from an Italian political situation on top of our Italian financial problems. Producing a majority is more important than weighting people's preferences. The great strength of our present system is that a small swing in votes can produce a relatively large swing in seats. It tends thus to give voters a clear choice, to produce a majority, and to be sensitive to swings of opinion. The arithmetic of February 1974—which is the basis of much of the present excitement—is both difficult to achieve and unlikely to be repeated again.

We should certainly pause before trying to engineer the break up of the Labour Party *through changing the electoral* system. The strongest force for moderating the extreme left is to keep them within the mainstream of politics and within a major party.

There they and their trade union supporters have to compromise to maintain Labour in office or to win uncommitted voters. It is all too easy to sound complacent, but that is still a better bet for moderation *than hiving off an extreme* left wing party with union support. If Messrs Benn, Atkinson and Scargill were on their own running their own little party, that is when they would be really frightening.

Norman Lamont

The author is Conservative MP for Kingston upon Thames.

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Richard de la Mare: "I like sticking my neck

"Every book we have published has, in a sense, passed through my hands," said Richard de la Mare, eldest son of the poet Walter de la Mare, and president of Faber and Faber, looking back over the 50 years that will be marked by the exhibition *Faber books 1925-75: impressions of a publishing house* at the National Book League, September 9-20.

The firm of Faber and Gwyer which he joined in the autumn of 1925 published the work of the Scientific Press, and the *Nursing Mirror* and *The Hospital*, under the influence of the philanthropist, Sir Henry Burdett. It was decided, after his death, to establish a general list. "There were very few of us to begin with. I had been for two years in a dead end publishing job, and I was told that *they were* looking for an assistant manager. I put in for it, and was very fortunately recommended to Geoffrey Faber, and I was taken on, which was very exciting.

"I had no qualifications, of course. How young we all were! I was 24, Geoffrey Faber was 36, and Tom Eliot was 37—everyone was under 40. Eliot, to begin with, didn't play a great part, except for editing *Criterion*—but later on he was able to take more time for the business. He always told me that I was a fortnight senior to him. I remember seeing him for the first time and being slightly intimidated—though we became great friends. He was a man whose opinion and advice I could not have valued more highly, especially after Geoffrey Faber *died and I became chairman.*

"Even if I had no qualifications, very soon after we began I was thrown in at the deep end of the production side, because there wasn't anybody else. A manuscript arrived, and a colleague who was the manager gave it to me with the words: 'It's got to be printed—look after it', and from that moment for the next 20 years I did every bit of book design and book production for the firm. I discovered that I had some sort of talent for it, rather to my astonishment, and enormously enjoyed it. It was something creative that gave me immense satisfac- [illegible] because he also met with only kindness and help from the printers and colleagues on he technical side of publishing. They were exciting years. New ideas, new forms of type, swifter methods of production, all were becoming available, and one of his proud moments was his election to the Three Crowns, a typographical society of all the people in the field of book design, printing and typography. It widened his horizon and outlook "and was an enormous boost to my morale."

It was not that he specialized in book production to the exclusion of everything else. "We all realized early on that Geoffrey Faber had an instinctive understanding of publishing. He had been with the Oxford University Press before the war (in India, I think) and he knew war our problems would be—the first one would be getting enough books—though there was also a certain danger in having everything very successful early on—it might have made things seem too easy!

"The first book that really took on cue to us through my father, his was Siegfried Sassoon's *Memoirs of a Fox-hunting Man*. I knew Sassoon quite well, stayed with us on several occasions after the war, and said 'I have been writing a book on foxhunting, would you like to see it?' 'Yes, for heaven's sake, YES', I said, and came to me chapter by chapter as he wrote it. He was rather shy about it because he hadn't published anything except verse.

"The first printing was anonymous and it was sold out on publication. We had a second printing out in fourteen days, and the first 500 didn't have his name on, and the rest did. Everybody knew he had written it, it didn't remain a secret. We published in September, 1928, and we had sold 13,000 copies by the middle of December and within three years we had sold nine printings of it.

"We were all of us thinking about books to get people to write—we had to do more than other people at that time because it was the only reasonable hope of getting going. I remember I did quite a lot myself. I started Edith Sitwell writing prose. She, too, had never published anything but poetry, and I felt that poets generally write good prose (my father did) and we started a little series called The Poets on the Poets, which turned out to be very successful and led to some even more successful books later. I wrote to two or three people I knew—G. K. Chesterton was one of them, he was a friend of my father's—I asked him to do an essay on Chaucer—after a certain amount of humming and hawing from his very formidable agent, A. P. Watts, he

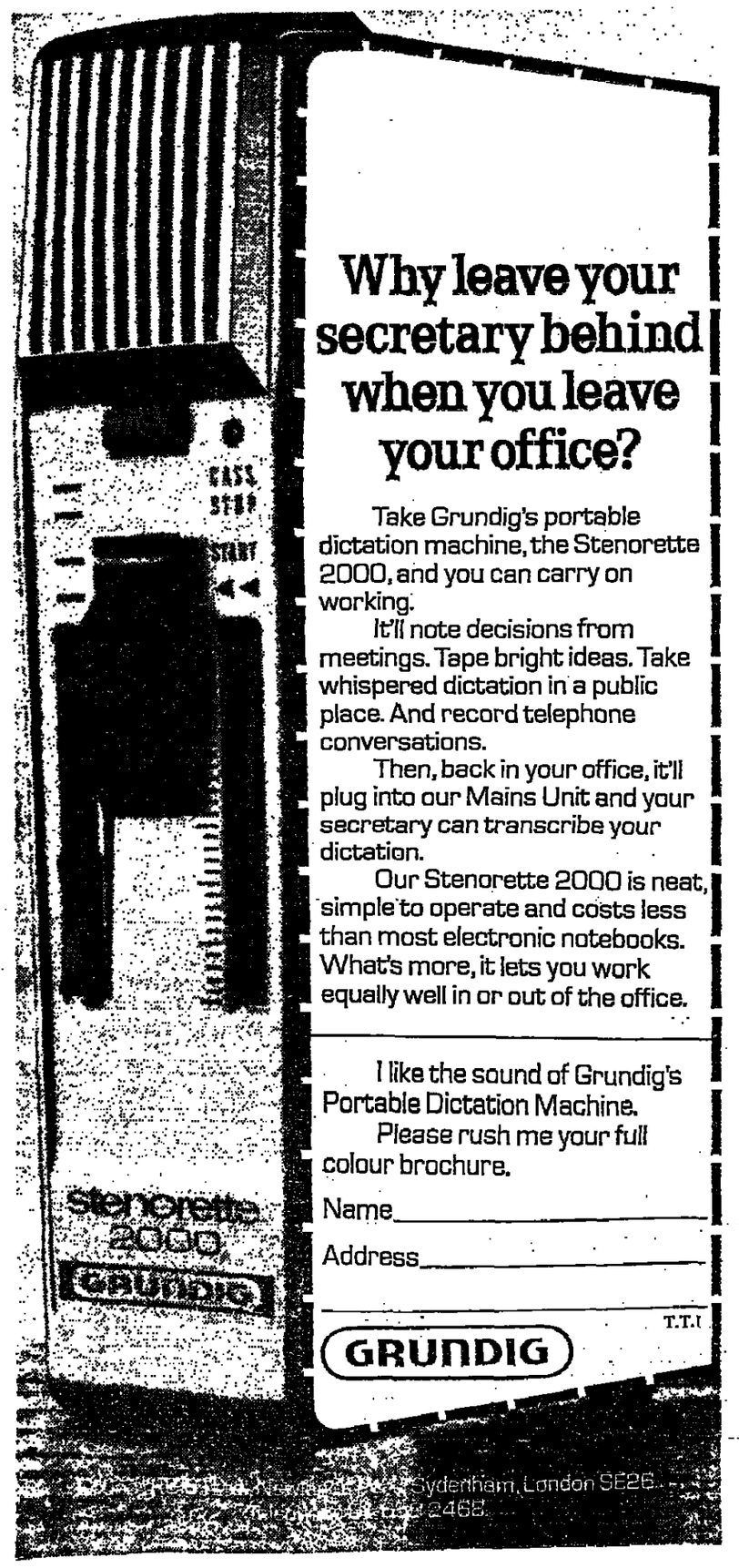
"He was a bit slow in starting it, and so I thought we really would prefer a full length book on Chaucer, and he eventually did it! Similarly I asked Edith Sitwell to write a short essay—I suppose it must have been on Pope, because it grew into a full length book on Pope. She wrote it quite quickly, I had it in November 1929, hoping to publish in February the following year. Actually it came out in March.

"Now it would take you six months, nine months, even 18 months, but that is what one expected to do. She welcomed this suggestion, and I kept her at it for several years—there was a book on English Eccentrics, and on Queen Victoria. There are several letters from her saying how pleased she was that I had persisted in asking her in the exhibition."

Other inspirations included a series on Great Languages—"It was Geoffrey Faber's idea, and it still goes on." The latest is a vast review of the prewar volume on Romance languages.

In 1929 *The Nursing Mirror* went its separate way, and Faber and Faber came into being. All the early years of the firm were spent in a period of slump and depression, which had set well in by the 1930s. "We didn't make a great deal of money, but we made a considerable reputation for the kind of books we published. However, a *succes d'estime* is not enough. But it was important, in that we got more people coming to us, Ezra Pound, started publis friendship wit "When I h of the firm i weekly editor The Book Co the editorial manuscripts One of the was how wel each other—many ways t though both and T. S. Eli open minds, sticking our n I like stickin even if I r head cut off, in the least. "When we country in l gardening I were no gone ing, so I s them, and ever since." terest was food orga resulted in a published on associated su 1940s and we laughed at I didn't w Everything has been acc seen a comp and those es portant docur The war He himself called up, the firm dur ning on the Paper Contro Publisher's A sentatives, " enormous in what was goin we postponed books but it there would demand—with and things o diers in camp matter, and wi time every ser printed was so The great paper—shortag technical prob duced paper t brown. On th there were so books on Faber on hand-made was not subj There were taxes, which to out of selling t led to a policy which added to after the war. Richard de la days a week at but says he real retire at the en "But my eldest tor and I shall touch, and rema dent of Faber have had a very am thankful fo and everything them."

Philip



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The Times Diary

Building arks for self-sufficiency

Like most people, I had never until yesterday been to Crewe, except to change trains. It seemed an unlikely place for a meeting of people bent on changing the way we—or at least the way they—live. But at the South Cheshire Central College of Further Education there, the Soil Association were running a three-day course called "A biological approach to soil husbandry".

The Soil Association is devoted basically to fostering organic methods of agriculture, largely eschewing chemical fertilizers or weed-killers. But its philosophy has broadened to the advocacy of self-sufficiency *and a simpler way of life*, opposing growth for its own sake, and many modern refinements conventionally regarded as progress. The association's president is Dr E. F. Schumacher, a noted supporter of self-help and opponent of Gargantuanism.

Some 30 people attended at £20 a head. Some of the younger ones proved their dedication to self-sufficiency by camping out on the college lawn for the three days of the course. One couple cycled 80 miles from Worcestershire, carrying their tent on their backs.

Yesterday was the final day. It began with a talk specifically about organic farming, followed by a broader one on the discipline of self-sufficiency, concluding with Schumacher himself putting it into philsophical perspective.

The first speaker was Sam Mayall, whose 600 acre farm near Shrewsbury is the largest in Britain run entirely on organic lines. It was visited by members of the course on Wednesday. Mayall, a sprightly 74, had had his farm for 52 years, and for 26 of those he has farmed it organically.

Farmers who use fertilizers say they are obliged to do so for economic reasons, but Mayall said: "It hurts the farmer very much to say he's making a profit at all, but I have to confess to it". Some Cambridge researchers had done costings on his and three other organic farms, and though their results have not yet been published, Mayall is confident that they will support the arguments for his system.

"Our costs of production are lower and the gap is widening as the cost of fertilizers and sprays goes up", he said. "Modern agriculture has the soil simply as a means to hold the plant up straight and to hold the artificial fertilizer they put into it". Next we heard Major Sedley Sweeny who took up farming when he was made redundant from the Army. He has a ten acre mixed farm in Wales, on which he has come close to self-sufficiency already. It includes a carpentry shop and a forge, while his wife makes yoghurts and farmhouse cheese and takes bed and breakfast guests in the season.

"The only way to opt out of inflation is to do it yourself", he said. But he stressed to those in the audience who were thinking of doing so that the quality most needed was discipline, not externally imposed, but the self-discipline to eschew the soft option.

It was no good regarding opting out as a romantic gesture. "must learn to survive the ing storm or go under", hid. "It may not be long be the soft option no longer t. A clear aim in my case is uild a prototype ark which ride out the coming flo

He feared ny ark-builders would not through. "It's like the m in spring", he said. "Thatch out on a warm day, there is a frost and they But it's still a sign of sp Other mayflies follow, and ive."

Dr Schu rammed home the doom final address: "We are a recession", he said. the end of an era. The is over."

It was Sweeny who most imp the young middle-clambers of the audience. many of them had d of ark-building in mine couple—the husband ocial worker—already on 12-acre farm in Northu d, and were busy copy major's diagrams of cations, simple farm mach nd farmhouse cheese pre

The Wo cyclists were working frummer on an organic fid vegetable farm owns friend who used to wo e city. They eventually their own place, and ot put off by Major Swe gorous warnings. "It is even more determine the woman. The man ed to be a teacher, efully, "It seems to ight need a spell in th first".

Their de was impressive. Brigill Vickers, the associ neral secretary, told credulously: "One of is from the tents has en £10 on books and its from our bookstall."

Certainl helped put my own rts on the Brixton pre- spective. It was a particularly timely antidote to my effusion about my marrows last Monday, which some tell me was an excessive piece of self-congratulation.



Democratic

There was a long queue to get into Westminster Hall for the opening of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference yesterday. Limousines dropped ambassadors on the other side of Palace Yard where they diplomatically joined on the end, but a few parliamentarians showed an unparliamentary lack of patience and tried to jump the queue. Some of the Haitian delegation were waved back to their place, and a policeman headed off a Liberian, but a couple of Senegalese successfully nipped in while backs were turned.

Some of the stewarding for the parliamentary appropriately pe Scouts just back With the new adm suspensions from Parliamentary Uni quite a lot of cir just how many c represented at th get-together. The C opening speech, "representatives of assemblies", wh Wilson welcomed groups". Not as mi as send to the Sco

The speeches w inspiring as the m Scots Guards or the fanfare. The Queen the virtues of pa democracy in caref lated tones, while W a point of telling ov he was repeating wi already said at last conference and at the wealth conference i Two cleaners who ar brooms at the end fares were the only h

Save it

Cordelia Hill of Sc with a problem whi certain to keep us lather during the lo autumn evenings. "D 1914 war", she sa grandmother collected little left-over bits of s and got them into a b did not disintegrate.

"How did she do it Boiling the bits in a of water and the on was a ruined saucepa never lost the smell of soap. Please help me. It me to throw anythin these days and I have a of soap ends, and I don how to make them i soap ball." A challenge I am sure you will not rise.

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IL REAL PROFITS AFTER TAX

puld be premature to think the publication yesterday of Sandilands report on unting will conclude the ment about how company rts should be presented in ge of inflation. Whatever ges are eventually made, ver, the publication of this r will be a watershed in the lopment of the theory and ice of accounting. Clothed gh the argument is in the ical concepts of the unting profession, the issues ved go to the heart of our omic and political system. in essence, the report is g that, because of inflation, anies have in general been ng far smaller profits in terms than they have been ting. In 1974, for example, estimated that nearly half profits declared by British anies were not profits in eal sense, but merely booking rises in the value of s because of inflation.

t it is these "unreal" rted profits that enter into political debate about the e of the national income and th. And it is these same rted profits that are the on which the Inland nue levies corporation. The purpose of unts is to give a "true and view" of the affairs of a pany. In a period of price lity the traditional unting methods, based on the historic costs of a company's past expenditure, served well enough for most purposes. Even in a period of modest inflation, though historic accounting basically assumes constant prices, the resulting distortions are not sufficient to require a root and branch revision of accounting practice.

In a period of rapid inflation such as we have been experiencing, however, the distortions become intolerable. In general, traditional accounting gives the impression that companies are making profits, when in fact they are consuming their own seed-corn, for example by not making sufficient provision to replace their existing plant and machinery at ever inflating prices. In particular, since the process of inflation affects the conduct of different businesses in different ways and in different degrees, an accounting system which does not take into account the existence of inflation is producing a badly distorted picture of the relative performance of different companies. Both from the point of view of the investor and from that of the proper allocation of national resources, this cannot be a satisfactory state of affairs.

It has been argued that the Government should not contemplate any change in the system that so clearly recognizes inflation as a part of our system, because of the psychological damage that such an admission would cause. There might have been some force in such argument at an earlier stage of the inflationary process. Now, however, it is too late, for the damage has already been done. The Sandilands committee must be right in concluding that, since inflation is an established fact, companies must now be required to ensure that its effect on their financial position and their results are clearly shown. In any case the proposed Sandilands system would not give a misleading view of profits if prices were static or falling.

Successive Governments have been reluctant to grasp this nettle for the obvious reason that it has the most uncomfortable implications for our entire system of corporate taxation. The present rate of corporation tax is 52 per cent. This, subject to all the necessary qualifications of the tax system, is levied on "profits", which, according to Sandilands, are overstated almost two fold. In other words, the present position is that British industry and commerce is making little more "real" pre-tax profit than it is in fact paying in tax. A situation *in which the private sector of the economy* is making little or no "true" post-tax profits is not one that can be sustained for long. The realization that this is the position of British industry has not begun to enter into the political or public consciousness.

R CROSLAND SUGGESTS THE CUTS

he targets set by the Govnent for future spending by l authorities have necessarily me harsher and harsher, the orities have demanded that hould accept its share of oral blame by publishing its recommendations for the ding of services. Mr land took the point, and the ular issued yesterday outthe economies that he rds as unavoidable, and pros more detailed advice later It is far from being an int recipe for bringing the real ease in local spending, that riously buoyant factor, down 6 per cent to nil in one , but it does give official tion to some unpopular cy changes that many counwill be loath to undertake. uch local spending is by its re inflexible or concerned the immediate welfare of viduals. Capital projects can cut without causing much eciable hardship, except to industries that would have ided them, but most dispenscapital projects have already put aside for the distant e in the process of bringing growth in real expenditure from 10 per cent to 6 in current year. Every year council has new commits—a newly built school staff, new statutory ations to fulfil—and h ideas of what is inable will often have to be ed, a ban on real growth s that every new expense be balanced by a deteriorof services elsewhere. e circular says clearly that standards are inevitable. It asks councils to consider reducing the level of services in parks, recreation, refuse collection and road mending. It warns them that subsidies on buses and Underground trains will be cut back farther than had been proposed, so that fares will have to rise even higher. Cuts of this kind, the staple of past economy campaigns, cause relatively little hardship, *although their cumulative* effect on the quality of life is not negligible.

It is in education and the personal social services that cuts are most difficult and controversial. Education is the largest item in local expenditure, and the emergency calls for something more than the usual delays in redecoration and replacement of tattered exercise books. The circular takes the view that pupils whom the law compels to be at school should have the first call on resources, though even for them the aim is only to maintain existing staffing ratios, not to improve them. The under-fives, children over sixteen and students in higher education must content themselves with still less. If discrimination by age must be made, *this is* probably as defensible as any. There is some slack to be taken up in some sectors of higher education, while the thesis that an early start at school can transform a deprived child's prospects has fallen somewhat into disfavour recently. In parts of the country (including some where deprivation is most severe) a decline in the number of schoolchildren of school age will take some of the edge from these dilemmas in any case. In Britain as a whole, however, numbers are still rising, not falling.

The need for personal social services also varies in different parts of the country. The circular accepts that in places spending will have to go up, with offsetting savings in other services. It proposes the dismal expedient of letting new capital works stand idle for a while before bringing them into use, and suggests more profitably that some expenditure on services that are provided without regard to individual need should be reduced.

All this is no more than advice, of course. It remains within the discretion of authorities how they will make the desired savings and whether they will make them at all. Some, at least, may fail, whether through the scale of their particular problems or out of a feeling that governmental appeals for thrift are traditionally treated as flexible. But Mr Crosland has announced that rate support grant, the main source of local authority funds, will be calculated next year on the assumption that spending has in fact held steady. This should enforce compliance in most cases, for even a relatively small overrun would fall with devastating effect on the rates. The crisis of the economy is too acute for any council to risk acting on the supposition that Mr Crosland is not being quite serious.

N NEW YORK GO BANKRUPT?

York's perilous contortions e brink of bankruptcy have fascinating and alarming to , even if the level of sus- has been difficult to ain through constant postnents of the denouement. a modern city really be ed to go formally bankrupt failed industry? Could it, d it, happen here or any else? It is certainly ult to imagine any British nment, with or without Mr sending the official er along to County Hall a shower of bouncing es. Yet the problems of n cities require that they posed in some degree to the s of economic reality. The ulty is to find ways of doing ithout either treating them ustries, which they are not, ring them the impression he nation owes them a livno matter how they handle affairs.

York exemplifies the sm because it has reached sent difficulties through an t inextricable mixture of ck and bad management. always been the main port try for immigrants, espefor unskilled workers from Rico, who put an extra on welfare facilities and olice. It has also lost e from middle class residents and businesses moving out, which may be partly its own fault, but a fault it shares with many big cities around the world. In the past two years it has lost seven per cent of its manufacturing jobs and now has more than a million unemployed. The national recession has scarcely helped.

More culpably, New York has allowed its political and bureaucratic machines to grow fat on patronage. It has one civil servant for every 24 citizens while Chicago has one for 73. Its generosity in other fields looks heart-warming but imprudent. It has the most lavish pension system in the United States, one of the highest welfare rates, and a free university with open admission. All this has been financed by over-confident borrowing, so that 17 per cent of its budget is now spent on servicing debts. The result is not surprising—lenders simply lost confidence in the city as they would in any feckless borrower, and last December the banks informed the city government that they could not sell the city's bonds. That is when the present chapter in the long suspense story began.

Ironically or appropriately the cold draught of economic reality has hit the city when it happens to be in the hands of a mayor whose main claim to the job was that he knew about money, having spent fourteen years as the budget director and city controller. Mr Beame seems to have tried his best to cut out 12,000 municipal jobs and reduce *the short-term debt but he was* too late and too unskilful as a politician. Like others before him he found New York beyond all normal means of control.

The idea that the state of New York should now take over financial responsibility for the city is logical enough. Cities have long ceased to make sense as economic entities. Yet even Governor Carey could not wave a magic wand and solve everything. He might sink his own finances in the process, especially as national economic policy is against raising taxes—which in any case would tend to drive even more jobs away.

Help may therefore have to come eventually from the Federal Government. Apart from being politically reluctant to bail out Democrats, it has hitherto taken a rather doctrinaire attitude towards lame ducks but, like Mr Heath, it is becoming more aware of the wider damage that might be done by allowing a major enterprise to default on its debts. It can scarcely nationalize New York but it must now see national implications in the problem.

ion of green belt

Dr Stuart Bennett

low much longer can this y tolerate the erosion of green nd while used industrial land aste? A multi-national com- at present applying for plan- permission for an industrial pment on some 230 acres of ated green belt land on the of a residential area at ley.

as chosen this site as being for its requirements and is, edly, refusing even to consider ative sites on partially developed industrial estates in the area. As an engineer I can readily understand the attraction of the chosen site to the company's engineers and professional advisers, but should convenience and low development costs be the only criteria?

Local authorities may be effective in regulating the use of land by small companies, but can they control the giants? Surely central government owes a duty to the citizen to prevent the exploitation of a community's fear of unemployment?. Without central support how can a local community resist the pressure to give up amenity land, fearing that if it does resist it may lose both the development and the jobs?

May I appeal for action from central government to prevent this small scale erosion of green belt land: the few acres involved may not be of national significance, but they are of importance to the daily lives of the local community.

Yours faithfully,
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September 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

London's problems and the GLC

From Mr F. T. Hollocks

Sir, Much of the controversy about *the GLC and its finances in The Times* is politically motivated and the basic facts are overlooked. Permit me therefore, on behalf of the council's staff, to state quite bluntly that London is unfairly treated in our financial system, and allow me to explain why.

1 The Government (and the bulk of the country) exhibits a considerable anti-London bias. This stems from widespread belief that London is wealthy (the City, etc). But this wealth cannot be taxed by the rating system (because it is based purely on property values). Rateable value in London has increased by only 9 per cent in London, compared with 23 per cent elsewhere.

2 This attitude is reflected in the Government's treatment of London in rate-support grant negotiations, etc. The needs-grant formula literally cheated London of some £156m in 1974-75.

3 London is facing massive socio-*economic problems affecting a* population which is as large as Scotland and Wales put together. There are almost 100,000 unemployed males in Greater London (more than 10 per cent of the entire unemployed in Great Britain): the income of the poorest 25 per cent of London's households *dropped* by 12 per cent (1965-1973) compared with a 12 per cent *increase* for the same group in the rest of England and Wales. Firms are moving out of London because of the increases in rents and rates and a mounting rate burden falls on those which remain. Thus the situation gets worse.

4 Thus London is trapped. Government grant is based on rateable value (RV), high in London because of shortages (eg housing) which force up prices and hence RVs. But the shortages stem from lack of resources to cope with its acute urban problems. London simply cannot win!

5 Meanwhile, individuals in London are hit by having, as domestic ratepayers, to bear a much greater burden of public expenditure. *Rate payments are approximately 29 per cent higher in London than elsewhere: Government grants account for 38 per cent of London's rate fund expenditure but 55 per cent of that for the rest of the country.*

6 In brief, London's economic and financial situation is deteriorating rapidly. No only does London need more resources, but also a change of attitude in Government itself. Without this recognition, the contributions you and your correspondents have made in the discussion of London and its problems are of little value.

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The regime in Romania

From Mr Horia Georgescu

Sir, Romanians living in Britain have asked me to protest strongly against the article written by your late Diplomatic Correspondent, Mr Rendel, on August 28, about Britain's romance with Romania (a cheap pun that your esteemed Crossword Puzzle Editor, Mr Akenhead, would have rejected as unworthy of *The Times*).

As a working journalist myself, I never cease to be amazed by the gullibility of many of my Western colleagues, or by the cynicism of some when it comes to writing about the "independence" of Ceausescu's Romania. Mr Rendel is certainly not one of those who want to ingratiate themselves either with the Stalinist regime in Romania or with the British leaders, who, falling over each other, are visiting Romania this month. But surely, as one of the most experienced diplomatic correspondents, he should have known better than to write about "the strong bond which still unites him (Ceausescu) and his rigorously authoritarian regime with the people of Romania".

Ceausescu's "*spontaneous* and passionate denunciation of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in *1968*" was a one-day wonder. His struttings, which did not deceive the Romanians, lasted less than 24 hours, that is, until the Soviet Ambassador came and called him to order. Objectively, to use the Marxist jargon, a Communist Romania cannot be independent when her regime was imposed by Soviet tanks and is maintained by the threat of Soviet intervention, and when its leaders live in constant fear of the wrath of the Romanian people and of the *thunders from* their Kremlin masters.

I would also like to object to Mr Rendel's assertion that Romania "has never known anything but autocratic rule". This shows a crass ignorance of the history of modern Romania, which, since her independence a hundred years ago, has striven to adopt the French and British institutions. With all their failings, they did work in Romania especially in the social field—better, *I dare say, than in pre-war Britain*.

As to the visits to Bucharest by Mrs Thatcher, Mr Wilson and Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Romanians living in Britain and in the Commonwealth have and will try to make known their views to the British public.

Unless, that is, because of the détente (appeasement) policy, which you support, theirs will again be the "vox clamantis in deserto".

Yours faithfully,
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Football hooligans

From Mr H. B. Collett

Sir, I would seriously recommend to British Railways the use of their cattle trucks for transporting football fans.

Yours faithfully,
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September 2.

Exploitation of developing countries

From Mr David Green

Sir, It would be easier to share your view (September 3) that Dr Kissinger's United Nations message marked a new enlightenment towards the undeveloped world, had your interpretation not been accompanied by a report that the United States Treasury Secretary had warned the OPEC countries not to go ahead with planned oil price increases.

General world commodity prices rose from 1970 onwards; but the industrial nations price increases for manufactured products certainly kept pace with these increases. The OPEC countries, while, perhaps necessarily, having to wait for the political opportunity of the Arab-Israeli war in 1973, did little more with their subsequent increases than to restore purchasing power that had been eroded over many years.

Since 1973 there has been a raging inflation in manufactured prices as all components of industrial societies have atempted to claw back the wealth lost to them by the rise in commodities. Nationally as internationally, the most powerful have been the most successful in the endeavour. The weak are now represented by more millions at starvation level in the undeveloped world; more millions at subsistence level in the developing world; more millions unemployed in the industrial world. But the most powerful remain also the richest and the least affected.

Having eroded, through price inflation of exports, the value to the producers of the 1970-1974 *increases* in commodity prices, the leading industrial nations are now poised for a further lunatic period of growth in which they hope to continue to deliver an increasing material standard to their people. They can only do this, however, if they can hold the primary producers to the new plateau of prices from which, with a changed set of figures, they can take off as before. The public warnings from the United States and the, no doubt, silent warnings from the Soviet Union, suggest that we are entering a new, far more dangerous, cruel and crude phase where those with power will deploy it ruthlessly to hold back commodity prices in the interest of their own standard of living.

There is nothing new in this. The United Kingdom, through the superficial benevolence of the British Empire, very successfully founded the standard of living we can no longer afford on the same premise. What is new, however, is that the ever expanding population of the world has brought us to the point where, in absolute terms, there are no longer the resources to sustain world populations at their accustomed level.

From now on each new burst of growth by those able to sustain it (and Britain is already one of those which has to acknowledge that it *cannot make the necessary preparations*) will involve a harder collision with the ceiling of available resources; a harsher recoil; and more and more casualties. In the United Kingdom we are well placed to be a leading casualty if only because our resource vulnerability implies a more savage impact on us than on most nations. It is time that we mounted a more coherent attack upon the menacing fantasy of the possibility of infinite growth within a finite environment.

Yours faithfully,
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Testing psychiatric drugs

From Mr P. D. Rohde

Sir, I am very grateful to Dr William Sargant for his infectious enthusiasm when he introduced me to psychiatry some 17 years ago. But it may be an excess of this enthusiasm which led him to write such a misleading, perhaps dangerous, article on drug trials in psychiatry (*The Times*, August 29).

In essence he is advocating that clinical opinion alone should decide which drugs are to be used. But whose opinion? For there are many.

It may also be over-enthusiasm for his own point of view which led him to dismiss in such a caustic manner one of the main techniques used to sort fact from opinion—the controlled trial. But even over-enthusiasm cannot excuse the inaccuracy of his reporting of the MRC trial of Fluphenazine Decanoate (Modecate) and his total disregard of the case for carrying out such a trial.

Drugs do have side-effects. (At the time when I was having my apprenticeship with Dr Sargant there were many enthusiastic advocates of a new drug called Thalidomide.) To be sure that any drug is worth its side-effects it should be compared with either a known standard or a placebo in a *controlled trial, thus eliminating* as much bias from observers as possible. Only then can it be said with reasonable certainty that the improvement is due to the drug and the drug alone.

I was involved in the MRC study referred to by Dr Sargant. The decision to use an injected placebo was a difficult one, arrived at in conjunction with the Hospital Ethical Committee and the Medical Research Council, and made because *any other control would have intro*duced serious bias. The criterion used was "Will this research benefit those patients actually involved in the study?" The answer was, and is, "Yes". There were no "Belsen-like happenings", no "old asylums", and no "suicides".

If advances are to continue without disasters we must have both clinical opinions and later confirmation by painstaking controlled clinical trials.

Yours faithfully,
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U S and Middle East

From Mr William Wiseley

Sir, Europeans who pontificate *upon Arab-Israeli disputes in* the Middle East have a rare knack for infuriating American readers. Your editorial "Is It War or Peace?" (September 2) takes the most recent prize for faulty vision.

Neither I, nor anyone in my family, nor any of my Ohio neighbours, nor any American I have ever known, has ever had any responsibility whatever for Central European and Middle Eastern *atrocities past, present and future.* Most certainly we shall *never* be willing to accept any responsibilities of that kind.

Yet ever since 1947, when Harry Truman succumbed to the pleas of his weeping old haberdashery buddy and agreed to listen to Chaim Weizmann's schemes for founding Israel, there have been concerted European efforts to foist upon us the full responsibility and costs of defending that far-distant *and alien pariah.*

You and like-minded Europeans have gone too far. This past year the attempts to stampede the United States Congress into formal and exorbitantly costly commitments to Israel have become a clear and present danger to the welfare and security of the United States, now and in future. Europeans, Israelis and Arabs would be well advised to stop seeking promises from President Ford and the irresponsible Henry Kissinger that *97 per cent of the American people will not be willing to keep.* Traditional American tolerance and generosity have already been too grossly abused.

The mere suggestion of a "Pax Americana" in the Middle East is therefore prima facie an absurdity. We pay 25 per cent of the bills of the United Nations to enable it to keep the peace. If it fails to do so in the Middle East, the full responsibility and costs must revert to Europeans, where they rightfully belong.

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM WISELEY,
9 Ravenscroft Road,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
September 2.

From Professor Arthur Goodhart, QC

Sir, We must not forget the debt that is owed to former President Nixon. He appointed Henry Kissinger as his Secretary of State and together they came to the aid of Israel at a time of desperate crisis and helped to bring peace to the Middle East.

Yours, etc,
ARTHUR GOODHART,
University College,
Oxford.
September 2.

Nocturnal bells

From Mr E. M. Nicholson

Sir, On returning yesterday from abroad to this ostensibly quiet little Chelsea street I was greeted, yet again, by a frenetic burglar alarm. I rang the police; yes they knew but could see their way to do nothing, and expected it to go on all night. I rang Banhams, whose name was on it, and was told that they could silence it only on direct in*structions from the owner (who was* understood to be sailing off the Isle of Wight).

Of the so-called keyholders one was without a key and the other refused to function. Having thus drawn blanks from all those who might be thought to have some responsibility in the matter (other than the local authorities, for whose attitude see Mr Johnson's letter of August 16) I consulted with a number of householders in this street *and round the corner in Oakley* Street. All were of the opinion that we could not be expected to tolerate this gross infliction on our own rights. With the aid of some of them and of a less flabby instrument of environmental protection, namely a claw-hammer, it took only two minutes to restore the peace of the neighbourhood.

This device is, I believe, unique in being specifically and solely designed to disseminate incessantly *a horrible noise, and not merely* making it incidentally to some other use.

I really admire Mr John Connell's work on noise abatement, but I am much troubled by the appeasing tone of his letter on August 21. Who are these "conflicting interests" and "parties" who presume to go on wrecking our environment in this way? What rights have they compared with ours? Perhaps it may help to clear their minds and to speed their dragging steps if some MP successful in the next ballot for Private Members Bills will introduce one on the following lines:

(1) No one may lawfully install a device for the prolonged and acute disturbance of his neighbours' quiet

(2) All burglar alarms must have an effective automatic time switch cutting them off after 10 minutes

(3) No insurance company may lawfully demand installation of an external noise alarm as a condition of insurance

(4) No firm installing such devices shall do so without reserving a right to silence them at the request of the police

(5) The police powers to intervene promptly and effectively in case of default on any premises shall be clarified

(6) The role of these devices in crime prevention shall be regularly studied and research promoted on acceptable alternatives.

I hope that, failing specific and adequate assurance of other remedies in the very near future, others will take their own steps to put an end to this intrusion on all our peace.

Yours faithfully,
MAX NICHOLSON,
17 Upper Cheyne Row,
SW3.

Yorkshire Dales National Park

From Mr John Cadbury and others

Sir, On August 21 the Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee approved a resolution expressing concern that the North Yorkshire County Council had "failed to provide sufficient autonomy for the Yorkshire Dales National Park either as intended by the Local Government Act 1972 or as necessary fully to discharge its statutory functions". The Park Committee, whose status is only that of a committee of the County Council, went on to express their desire to be reconstituted as an independent planning board under section 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

This remarkable development was precipitated by the County Council's refusal to allow the Park Committee to purchase the caving centre at Whernside Manor from the Scout Association, even though a large part of the cost would have been met by the Countryside Commission. In addition, the County Council *has prevented the com*mittee from employing a much-needed footpath officer. The Chairman of the committee, Mr Keith Lockyer, has said that this has caused them acute embarrassment because they have recently taken over responsibility for footpaths in the park from the Highways Committee. The Council has also frustrated the Committee's attempts to establish a warden service that will provide both an adequate service for the Park and a proper career structure with reasonable salaries for the wardens themselves.

Eight of the 10 national parks in England and Wales are at present run by committees of county councils—only two (the Peak and the Lakes) are administered by independent planning boards. Few would dispute that it is in these two parks where most progress has been made in trying to cope with the growing problems and conflicts which confront national park administrators and which were highlighted in the Sandford Report of 1974.

The Yorkshire Dales Park Committee's request to be reconstituted as a board therefore stems from its desire to match the standards set in the Peak District and in the Lake District. It would be quite wrong for the Committee to continue to be frustrated in its efforts to raise the standard of national park administration.

The County Council's determination to limit its already modest expenditure on the National Park is surely misguided. The Sandford Report emphasized the financial neglect which national parks have suffered for many years. The total amount of money being spent on *all* national parks is still barely more than £3m per annum, and the Report drew attention to the difference between this and the amounts spent by the Sports Council and local authorities on sport and recreation (about £25m) and by the Arts Council (about £15).

However, the basic issue is not a financial one but is about whether national parks should be run by independent planning boards, or whether they should remain under the control of local authorities. The Yorkshire Dales case suggests that a forceful and imaginative national park authority cannot expect to operate effectively within the framework of a local authority committee structure. If the Government really want the Yorkshire Dales to succeed as a national park, they should accede to the request of the people who are trying to run it and replace the Park Committee by an independent planning board.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CADBURY (President, Youth Hostels Association, England and Wales),
FOOT (President, Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society),
GERALD HAYTHORNTHWAITE (Chairman, Standing Committee on National Parks),
HENLEY (Chairman, Council for the Protection of Rural England),
GERALD McGUIRE (President, Ramblers' Association),
FRANCIS RITCHIE,
TOM STEPHENSON (President, Pennine Way Council).
Crawford Mews,
York Street, W1.
September 2.

Selection of bishops

From Canon Eric James

Sir, The Church of England now proudly claims it has government by Synod. Who, then, appointed the new Bishop of Bristol? Not Synod. That's for sure. But if power of appointment is one of the chief instruments of government, what becomes of the claim?

"Who appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury?" will one day make even more interesting reading. But we shall have to wait. The Establishment doesn't allow that kind of thing to be read except to children's children—not, certainly, to the *children of the elected Synod.*

Yours faithfully,
ERIC JAMES,
Canon Missioner of St Albans,
Holywell Close,
43 Holywell Hill,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.
September 2.

From Mr Raymond Turner

Sir, I have noted from your columns that a bishop was to assist at the selection of a Miss Great Britain. And I have been following, with all the interest it has naturally engendered, the intriguing problem encountered in the matter of the selection of bishops, as aired in your correspondence pages.

It occurs to me that Miss Great Britain might possibly be persuaded to reciprocate.

Yours faithfully,
R. TURNER,
57 Broom Park,
Teddington,
Middlesex.
September 3.

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BALMORAL CASTLE

September 4: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Buckingham Palace this morning from Balmoral Castle.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, opened the Sixty-second Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Westminster Hall.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms and The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later attended a Reception at the Speaker's House given by the Lord Chancellor (the Lord Elwyn-Jones), the Speaker of the House of Commons (the Right Hon Selwyn Lloyd, MP) and the Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (Mr W. T. Williams, MP).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Balmoral Castle.

Lady Abel Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris and Major Robin Broke were in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Admiral Sir Derek Empson (Flag Aide-de-Camp) at the Funeral of Admiral Sir John Frewen (formerly First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty) which was held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Northiam, East Sussex, this afternoon.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Mrs James Filmer Wilson gave birth to a son in Hongkong on September 4.

Butchers' Company

The Archbishop of Canterbury was admitted to the Butchers' Company as an honorary freeman yesterday.

Birthdays today

Sir William Addis, 74; Sir David Follett, 68; Professor Peter Fricker, 55; Mr Stuart Hibberd, 82; Sir Ronald Howe, 79; Mr Arthur Koestler, 70; Sir Francis Loyd, 59; Professor A. D. Momigliano, 67; Sir Geoffrey Nye, 73; Professor Sir Denys Wilkinson, 53; Air Vice-Marshal B. C. Yarde, 70.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Sir Andrew Huxley to be the 1976-77 president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, succeeding Sir John Baker.

Mr Ian Prestt, deputy director (conservation) of the Nature Conservancy Council, to succeed Mr Peter Conder as director of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds at the end of the year.

Institution of Civil Engineers

Lord Mais, a former Lord Mayor of London, is one of four honorary fellows elected by the Institution of Civil Engineers. The others are the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Bowden and Sir Angus Paton.

Whole estate left to National Trust

Mr Leslie Forder, of Ealing, London, left £47,067 net (no duty shown). He left all his property to the National Trust for the purchase of coastal land in Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall in memory of his mother.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Elphinstone, the Rev Andrew Charles Victor, of Worplesdon, a cousin of the Queen .. £155,644
Johnson, Mr Stanley Rex, of Chiselborough £149,034
Mountevans, Lord, of Kensington, second baron £53,966
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Walk-out at Sotheby's over buyers' premium

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

A group of London silver dealers walked out of Sotheby's yesterday in protest over the introduction of a 10 per cent buyers' premium.

The demonstration happened as the auctioneer, Mr Richard Came, reached lot 50, a pair of George II sugar nips, during a sale of English and foreign silver and plate.

They all rose from their accustomed places at a horse-shoe-shaped table beneath the rostrum and left the room, with some of their colleagues. Only one foreign dealer was left at the table, in some bewilderment.

Mr Graham Llewellyn, deputy chairman of Sotheby's, which was holding its first sale of the season under the revised conditions, said afterwards: "We thought the protest was an extremely dignified one. They could not have done it in a nicer way."

None of the dealers had made a bid. "They just sat on their hands", their spokesman, Mr Braud Inglis, said. Mr Inglis belongs to the council of the British Antique Dealers' Association, one of four trade bodies in dispute with Sotheby's and Christie's over their joint decision on the premium.

"We had considered a boycott but thought it would be more effective to be here and not bid. Most of them would have been here anyway, buying quite a lot of this stuff, but some came back specially from holiday to take part, they feel so strongly about it."

At Sotheby's Belgravia, Mr Morris Bennett, proprietor of Nash Antiques, asked the auctioneer before a sale of oriental ceramics if he would be prepared to accept bids without the 10 per cent premium. On being told that he would no, Mr Bennett took no part in the sale and said 30 of his colleagues had decided similarly.

Only six lots in the New Bond Street silver sale remained unsold out of 200, with three withdrawn. Financially the dealers' protest failed, since the sale total was £22,684 against an estimate at the start of £18,000 to £27,000. The Belgravia sale reached a result "better than normal" at £36,442; the estimate was between £23,000 and £45,000.

The dealers are to meet today to decide whether their action was effective enough to repeat.

Both yesterday's sales attracted foreign buyers. One from Hamburg said the silver he had bought was worth its price, even including the premium. "But I think in Germany this action would be regarded as monopolistic, and the Government would step in."

Mr Llewellyn said: "We are a service industry and a labour-intensive one. It takes a great many years to put together the expertise we hope we show. If the alternative to the new arrangement is a reduction in standards, that we do not propose to do: it would be the quickest way of demoting London as the centre of the fine art trade throughout the world."

Writing to Christie's yesterday, Mr Hugh Leggatt, the London dealer, said the real victims of the new premium were private buyers and sellers, donors to art charitable bodies, and national and provincial galleries. He urged Sotheby's and Christie's to continue with the trade organizations to safeguard their own interests and those of their customers. He also pointed out that Phillips, the other big London auctioneer, had not introduced the premium.

A spokesman for Phillips said it had been reminding buyers that they were not charging the premium. "That has been bringing rounds of applause and cheers", he said. "The clients are very happy and I am sure we are going to benefit."



Sotheby's New Bond Street sale room before, during and after the "extremely dignified" demonstration.

Luncheon

HM Government

Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Admiral Geraldo A. Henning, Minister of the Navy, Brazil. Among others present were:

The Brazilian Ambassador Senhor C. Boria, Rear-Admiral T. B. Reifschneider, Captain A. Ferreira Vidigal, Captain M. B. Ellencourt da Carvalho, Lieutenant-Commander M. V. de Araripe and Lieutenant M. Agnese, Lord Robens of Woldingham, Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver, Sir Michael Cary, Sir Derek Dodson, Sir Lester Suffield, Sir Duncan Watson, Sir Peter Matthews, Sir Leonard Redshaw, Vice-Admiral R. D. Lygo, Mr J. Rix, Rear-Admiral G. W. Bridle, Air Vice-Marshal C. W. Coulthard, Mr G. A. Whitworth, Mr W. J. M. Peterson, Mr H. M. Carless, Mr K. P. Jeffs, Captain F. W. Briggs, RN, and Mr G. F. Sanders.

Reception

Corporation of London

The Corporation of London gave a reception last night in Guildhall on the occasion of the sixty-second Inter-Parliamentary Conference. The Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, Alderman Sir Gilbert Inglefield, and Lady Inglefield, accompanied by Air Commodore Alderman and Sheriff the Hon Peter Vanneck and Mrs Vanneck received the guests. Among those present were:

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Elwyn-Jones, Mr David Ennals, MP, the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Denis Thatcher, Dr G. S. Dhillon (president, Inter-Parliamentary Union) and Mrs Dhillon, delegates from member countries, aldermen, councillors and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Service dinner

HQ RAF Germany

Air Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, Commander-in-Chief, RAF Germany, was present last night at a ladies' guest night held at the Headquarters RAF Germany Officers' Mess in honour of the deputy commander, Air Vice-Marshal P. J. Lagesen, and Mrs Lagesen who are leaving Headquarters RAF Germany. Group Captain C. A. Thomas presided.

Marriages

Mr P. O. W. Betts and Miss F. C. Mathew

The marriage took place at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, yesterday, between Mr Paul Betts, son of Mr and Mrs George Betts, of Les Dauphins, Monaco, and Miss Fiona Mathew, daughter of the late Francis Mathew and of Mrs Mathew, of Les Roses de France, Theoule sur Mer, France. Dom Raphael Appleby and Dom Edward Crouzet took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Theobald Mathew, wore a gown of cream silk organza with a long train and a veil held in place by a chaplet of fresh flowers. She carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and stephanotis. Viscount Glandine, Lady Patricia Graham-Toler and Miss Katrina and Miss Sarah Mathew (sisters) attended her. Mr Carlo Tomazzoli was best man.

A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr E. H. Hughes and Mrs B. Maugham

The marriage took place on August 25, 1975, at St Bartholomew's Church, Dinard, Brittany, France, between Mr Edward Hughes, of Louisville, Kentucky, United States, and Mrs Penelope Maugham (nee Le Fanu), widow of Benjamin Maugham, of 18 Markham Square, London, SW3.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Maysles and Miss G. Walker

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Albert Maysles, son of the late Mr and Mrs Philip Maysles, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Gillian, daughter of Mr John and Lady Margaret Walker, of Washington, DC.

Dr M. Bellman and Miss G. Jones

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mrs M. Bellman, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and the late Mr N. S. Bellman, and Gwynneth, only daughter of the Rev C. and Mrs Jones, St Mark's Vicarage, Chadderton.

Mr J. H. Chapman and Miss C. Lambert de Rouvroit

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr H. W. Chapman and of Mrs R. H. Chapman, of Campsea Ashe, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Christine, daughter of the late Mr A. Lambert de Rouvroit and of Mrs G. Lambert de Rouvroit, of Herisemweg, Alsemberg, Brussels.

Mr R. M. Nicholls and Miss A. J. Oaker

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs C. M. Nicholls, of Boars Hill, Oxford, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Oaker, of Colyton, Devon.

Mr G. McC. Samples and Miss R. R. J. Kobler

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place, in Rustington on September 20, between Graeme, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. McC. Samples, of Rhyl, North Wales, and Toronto, Canada, and Brenda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans Jurgen Kobler, of Golden Avenue, East Preston, and Twickenham.

Mr A. P. Barber and Miss K. M. F. Baldwin

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Barber, of Broomhall Manor, Norton, near Worcester, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. B. Baldwin, of Barnards, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. Bowerman and Miss J. C. Maycock

The engagement is announced between Michael Bowerman, only son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Bowerman, of Nutley, Hillesden, Buckinghamshire, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Maycock, of Melmerby, Ripon, Yorkshire.

Mr R. L. Miall and Mrs S. G. Bicknell

The engagement is announced between Leonard Miall, of Taplow Village, Buckinghamshire, and Sally Bicknell, of Battersea, SW11.

Mr H. C. Parker and Miss J. Thomas

The engagement is announced of Hugh Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs C. S. Parker, of Saltash, Cornwall, to Jean, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. W. C. Thomas, of Plymouth.

Mr S. M. Strange and Mrs M. S. Costin

The engagement is announced between Stuart Michael, son of Mr and Mrs H. W. Strange, of Lade House, Nayland, Colchester, and Maryjane Swindells, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. N. Shuttleworth, of Hyde House, Church Street, Willingdon, Eastbourne.

Mr F. Trotman and Miss B. Hanley

The engagement is announced between Fiennes, son of the late Mr Fiennes Trotman and Mrs S. Trotman, of Farrs, Beaminster, Dorset, and Bridget, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hanley, of Woodcombe, Oxbridge, Dorset.

University news

Cambridge

DOWNING: GOLLEDGE: Professor W. J. H. Butterfield, DSc, Regius Professor of Physic Elect, has been elected into a professorial fellowship.

Birmingham

Professor R. F. Willetts, MA (Birm), Professor of Greek, to be chairman of the School of Hellenic and Roman Studies for seven years.

Grants:

£18,653 from the Agricultural Research Council to Mr J. M. Barnes for a study of biological and integrated control of pests.

£250 total from the MRC to Dr N. Crawford for a study of nicotinuric subunit proteins in blood platelets: subcellular localization and characterization.

£12,222 from the Social Science Research Council to Mrs M. Johnson for a study of the types, trade and economic development of intercontinental trade in Africa.

£20,144 from the MRC to Professor H. Smith for a study of factors determining the production of infective and defective interfering particles in Type 5 and 7 adenovirus.

£18,498 from the MRC to Professor D. G. Bowden for a study of hemodynamic changes in patients with spinal telangiectasia, and other disorders.

Karpov draws chess game with Petrosian

Milan, Sept 4.—Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet world chess champion, and Tigran Petrosian, a former world champion, drew their semi-final game in the international grandmasters tournament here last night. Neither tried for a win during the 90-minute game and after an exchange of pieces the game was declared drawn.

Last night's other match, between Lajos Portisch of Hungary and Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia, was adjourned until today after five hours of play.

The semi-final matches are played over four games, with the two winners playing a final match of six games for a first prize of $10,000 (£4,900).

Results: Karpov-Petrosian drawn; Portisch-Ljubojevic adjourned.—Reuter.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Turner drawings and watercolours, British Museum, 10-5.

Exhibition: Victorian and Edwardian Southwark, Livesey Museum, Old Kent Road, 10-5.

Exhibition: Georgian Playhouse, actors, artists, audiences and architecture, 1731-1830, Hayward Gallery, South Bank, 10-8.

HMS Belfast's floating naval museum, Pool of London, Bermondsey, 10-6.

The Queen's Guard mounting ceremony, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

OBITUARY

DR MARGARET WHINN

Service to the Courtauld Institute of Art

Sir Anthony Blunt writes:

Dr Margaret Whinney, who died on Friday at the age of 78, was a distinguished art-historian who published a number of important works on the history of English art, including *Sculpture in Britain 1530-1830* in the Pelican History of Art and (in collaboration with Sir Oliver Millar) *English Art 1625-1714* in the Oxford History of English Art.

She devoted her life to the Courtauld Institute of Art of which she joined the staff in 1935. During the war years 1939-45 she was in effect in sole charge of the institute and carried the burden of administration as well as teaching the small group of students who were able to follow the courses, over a field wide enough to have defeated most art historians. After the war she played a great part [illegible] late Professor Tom [illegible] creating the museum [illegible] institute. In 1950 [illegible] a Reader and cont[illegible]ing until her re[illegible] 1964. In 1967 she w[illegible] fellow of the Briti[illegible]. As a lecturer she w[illegible] lucid, and her [illegible] remember the pa[illegible] which she would [illegible] problems—whether [illegible] or personal—and h[illegible] date them.

Outside the ir[illegible] activities were ma[illegible] a keen fellate—an[illegible] years a vice-presid[illegible] Society of Antiquar[illegible] secretary and ed[illegible] Walpole Society, [illegible] Sir John Soane's [illegible] a member of t[illegible] Council of the [illegible] Albert Museum.

DR ARTHUR JORDAN

Dr Arthur Jordan, Consultant Chemical Pathologist Emeritus to the United Sheffield Hospitals, died on September 2 after a long illness. He was 67.

Born in Winton, Lancashire, Arthur Jordan spent many of his earlier years studying chemistry on the continent, qualifying Docteur ès Sciences de l'Université de Strasbourg in 1931. Returning to England to study medicine, he qualified LRCP (Lond), MRCS (Eng) in 1937 and MB, BS (Lond) from St Bartholomew's Hospital the following year. He became MRCP (Lond) in 1942, FRCP (Lond) in 1960, FRIC in 1961 and was a founder member of the Royal College of Pathologists in 1964.

After holding various posts in chemistry on the continent and subsequently posts in England in both medicine and pathology, he joined the RAMC. He served in Africa, Italy and Singapore where he was Deputy Director of Patho[illegible] East Asia Comman[illegible]

In 1946, Arthur [illegible] appointed the firs[illegible] Chemical Patholo[illegible] United Sheffield[illegible] Since this time h[illegible] many honorary un[illegible] regional appointm[illegible] ing that of honor[illegible] and Professor Asso[illegible] University Depar[illegible] Chemical Pathology founded. He was[illegible] member of many [illegible] national committees[illegible] clinical pathologist[illegible] perience at the bed[illegible] the laboratory, he[illegible] dent of the Ass[illegible] Clinical Pathologist[illegible]

Arthur will be [illegible] for his kind and f[illegible] sonality, for outstan[illegible] as a combined pa[illegible] pathologist and as a[illegible] researcher.

He leaves a widow and one daughter.

WALLY BARNES

Wally Barnes, who played back for Arsenal and was captain of both Arsenal and Wales, died in a London hospital yesterday. He was 55. He had been in hospital only a short while.

He was in Arsenal's winning cup final side of 1950 when they beat Liverpool 2—0 and again in the team for the 1952 final against Newcastle which Arsenal lost 1—0. But he never finished the match for he went off injured, an injury which prevented him playing for 18 months. In his 13 years with Arsenal Barnes won 22 caps for Wales and was their regular captain. In late years he had been seen on television as a reporter of matches.

ADMIRAL SIR JOHN FREWEN

Admiral Sir William Davis writes:

John Frewen, whose early and unexpected death you reported on September 1, was in every way one of the outstanding men in the Navy since the end of the war. Not only did he hold with exceptional distinction most of the important posts in the Navy you mentioned, but he brought to bear one of the clearest and most incisive brains, allied to complete fearlessness and integrity on all naval and, indeed, defence problems, which the country has faced since the war.

Behind what first seemed an austere approach he hid one of the kindest of hearts as shown by that twinkle in his eye. There are many people who have benefited from his generosity, which invariably he did by stealth.

It was typical of him that on retirement a few years ago, he refused many important posts to do with maritime and national affairs, but instead concentrated his whole energies on converting and indeed physically running his family's home and property as a school for handicapped children—dyslexia—which [illegible] has made great strides and gone from strength to strength.

VISCOUN[illegible] HAMPDE[illegible]

Viscount Hampde[illegible] September 4 at the [illegible] The second son of Viscount Hampden [illegible] ceeded his brothe[illegible] Viscount in 1965.

He was born on Ju[illegible] and educated at [illegible] Trinity College, Cam[illegible] was commissioned [illegible] Hertfordshire Regim[illegible] and saw service in [illegible] World War as DAA[illegible] Madagascar and as[illegible] major in Burma. H[illegible] tioned in dispat[illegible] reached the rank of [illegible] colonel.

He married in 19[illegible] Imogen Alice Rhys, [illegible] of the 7th Baron Dyn[illegible] had a son and two [illegible] The son, the Hon [illegible] David Brand, succ[illegible] father.

MR JUSTI[illegible] RICHARDS

A. S. D. writes:

Justin Richardson, [illegible] on August 28 at the [illegible] He was a well-known light verse, of great skill, and during the [illegible] contributed to *Punch* amusing poems, ent[illegible] *Phineas Phlect*, on t[illegible] side of life in the [illegible] later published a volu[illegible] the same title, and [illegible] volumes, *Back Room Verse Come Verse Se[illegible]* work is represented i[illegible] gies of light verse.

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Science report

Geophysics: New source of heat

The discovery of a new source of geothermal energy in the Gulf of California may make the use of such resources a practical proposition in the United States.

The radioactive decay of elements such as potassium and uranium within the Earth generate heat all the time. Some of the heat comes from the 30 km-thick surface layer crust, but a substantial fraction comes from much deeper.

The average outward heat flow is 1.5 microcalories a square centimetre a second; it would need a totally efficient collection of heat from an area of 10 football pitches to power one electric kettle. But there are regions where the heat flow is several times greater than average, and such areas are the natural choice when one thinks of exploiting geothermal energy. Already there is a very modest use of near-surface heat, largely in Italy, but recent research has concentrated on identifying many more regions of potentially high heat flow.

The discovery by Dr Lawver, Dr Williams and Dr Von Herzen, American oceanographers, of a spectacularly hot site in the Gulf of California may have profound significance in the development of geothermal resources. The Gulf of California is the narrow inlet about 1,000 km long between Baja California and mainland Mexico. It is commonly believed to be, like the Red Sea, an ocean in the making, and down its centre runs a region in which molten crustal rock is slowly being injected. About half way down the gulf is a zone no more than three kilometres wide in which the heat-flow values rise to as much as 20 times the global average.

Seismic profiles across the zone indicate an intrusion of hard rock roughly four kilometres thick, buried under much softer sediments. According to calculations, the heat flow observations could be explained by a portion about one kilometre wide and 100 metres deep, of this intrusion being of fairly recent emplacement (less than 18,000 years old). The temperature would exceed 200 C. There may well be other promising regions in the gulf.

As the authors point out, it is necessary to prove the resource by drilling, but if the drilling proves successful (and it will have to be in two kilometres of water) there is bound to be much interest in extracting the heat.

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From The Times of Tuesday, September 5, 1950

Van Meegeren sale

From Our Correspondent

The Hague, Sept 4.—Tomorrow in Amsterdam the sale will be held of the properties of the Dutch painter Hans Van Meegeren, who died on December 30, 1947. Rather more than a month before his death Van Meegeren had been sentenced by an Amsterdam court to a year's imprisonment for, among other things, the forging of signatures on pictures.

Before the war Van Meegeren was little appreciated in his own country. He was a fertile painter—instead of making reproductions of old masters, he painted original pictures after the fashion of Vermeer, or of Pieter de Hoogh, and forged the signatures .... Hermann Göring was one of those deceived.

Van Meegeren made several million guilders out of the sale of his forgeries, but had neglected to pay income-tax.

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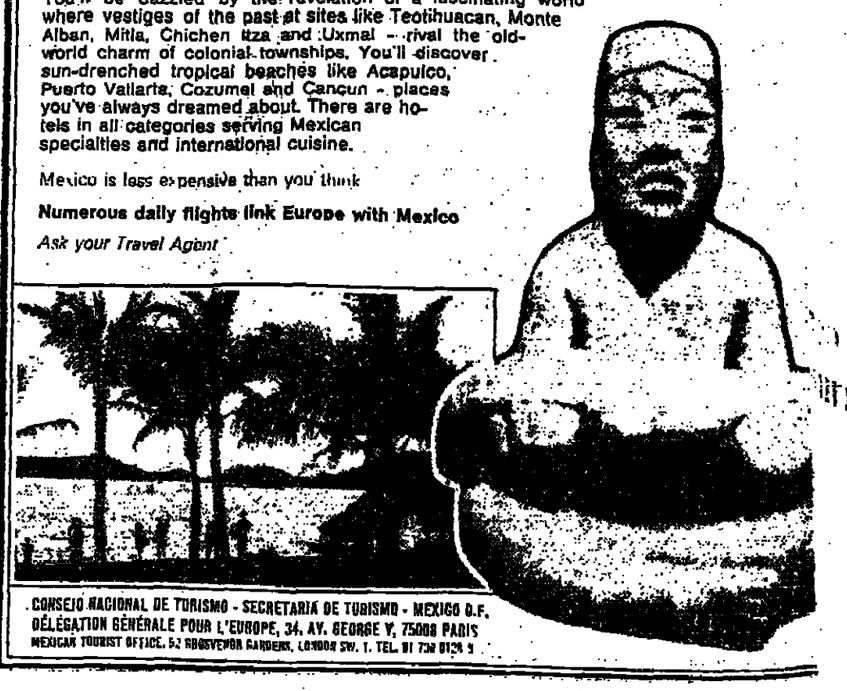
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overnment ends lane makers' opes of changes n nationalization

Arthur Reed
Correspondent

aders of the British aircraft ufacturing industry have ned with alarm that the ernment intends to adhere s plans for nationalization, that the proposals will not watered down, as the indus had hoped.

ne Bill, which will give the ernment power to take over interests of the British Air t Corporation, Hawker Sid y Aviation, Hawker Siddeley amics and Scottish Aviation, be re-presented at the start he next session of Parlia t.

will be in the same form ll its main clauses as that h failed to find time in the session.

esting day for the industry ow forecast for July in the rnment calendar, instead of ary as originally intended.

ews of the Government's un rving designs on British air t manufacturing was broken ministers earlier this week to elegation of the Society of ish Aerospace Companies.

delegation was led by the ety's Air Marshal Sir uard Grundy, chairman of rt Brothers and Harland.

he delegation had gone to the Government to impress *ministers and civil servants* uncertainty that continued he industry, with the threat nationalization inhibiting it n planning its future with any fidence.

rders from abroad were be lost, the SBAC told the ernment. If this trend continued, the record annual exports totals of around £600m being recorded by the industry would not be kept up.

In reply the Government made it clear that it intended to table the old nationalization Bill with only small amendments, so dashing any hopes that the Government's plans would be modified, or even dropped altogether.

Points in the original Bill to which the SBAC particularly objected included the terms of compensation—likely to cost the taxpayer around £300m—and the apparent complete freedom which it gave to extend state control to other areas of the industry, such as the equipment and electronic sectors.

With Mr Wedgwood Benn replaced as Secretary of State for Industry by Mr Varley, the industry had hoped for a more moderate Bill.

At this week's meeting, where the revised nationalization programme was revealed, ministers urged industry leaders to move out of their period of doubt and plan confidently for the future.

One of the few areas of agreement between both sides was that Britain no longer had the financial and technological strength to "go it alone" on big new aerospace projects, *whether they involve jet* engines, or civil or military airframes.

But the controversy now is whether the partners which the future nationalized British aerospace will undoubtedly need will be found in Europe or the United States.

ICI cheers City, but BP's income tumbles

By Our Financial Staff

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange went sharply ahead after ICI disclosed profits for the second quarter of £78m. Although down from £132m for the comparable period, *its figure was well* above recent predictions in the City.

The shares put on 13p to 280p, and gains in other major stocks lifted the *FT* index by 9.4 to 32...

But shares in BP, 2p up at 340p, were nervous after news that second quarter profits were down from £92.4m to £73m.

With pretax profits for the seasonally better second quarter 8m below those of the first three months, ICI impressed market well aware that the profitability of the chemical majors is on the decline.

Sales for the quarter, at £754m, were slightly lower than those for the corresponding period last year, reflecting the pressure of low demand on prices as well as on volume.

Problem created by world economic recession, which have particularly affected the group's bre and plastics interests, have been mitigated during the first half of this year by a very good performance by the seasonally buoyant fertilizer division. Profits on pharmaceuticals have held reasonably steady.

The interim dividend has been raised by the maximum permitted over the full year, and the board points out that there will in consequence be no increase in the final.

The group is pressing ahead with its capital spending plans, even though this year's expenditure—put at £365m in the last annual report—will outstrip retentions and necessitate some erosion of the strong cash position.

On an djustment for inflation by use of the present purchasing power indices, the half time pre-tax profit of £158m—which compares with an historic £252m for the first half of 1974—would be reduced by approximately £130m.

British Petroleum's net income in the second quarter of 1975 was only £37.3m against £92.4m in the second quarter of 1974, making a total of £79.5m in the first half of this year compared with £382.1m.

However, the 1974 figures were distorted by huge stock profits, totalling £175m in the first half of that year. Excluding these non-recurring special profits, the group's first half net income in 1974 was £207m.

Even so, the latest net income figure shows a continuing fall over periods not affected by stock profits. Net income in the first quarter of 1975 was £42.2m, which in itself was a 22 per cent fall on the £54.1m achieved in the final quarter of 1974.

Meanwhile BP's total sales of crude oil and refined products declined by 25 per cent to 42.1 million tons in the second quarter of 1975 compared with 1974, reflecting the continuing drop in international demand

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Central Bank dilemma could thwart gold plan

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Sept 4

International monetary officials said today it would be extremely difficult for the International Monetary Fund to put into practice the gold agreement reached by finance ministers last Sunday.

They said IMF's executive board now faced the highly complex task of devising a gold sales policy and that, even when this strategy was agreed, there would be no guarantee it would work, because there was still grave doubt on whether central banks would be willing to buy the IMF's gold at a market-related price.

The officials said the selling strategy must aim at producing the maximum profit for the IMF, while not fixing a price or strengthening the role of gold in the monetary system.

They said that to ensure that a price was not fixed and that gold's reserves role did not rise, the IMF should sell its gold directly to the market, but this could not be easily done and it would ensure a sharp decline in the market price, thus damaging the aim of selling the gold to increase development aid.

At best, the officials stated, the IMF's gold would reach the markets in very small chunks over a very long period of time. They added that it was practically certain the IMF would not sell any of its gold this year.

Some officials suggested that the sales, even if small and infrequent, would depress market prices, but other officials said that South Africa and the United States Treasury could easily coordinate their selling policies with the IMF to support free market prices.

Last Sunday the finance ministers agreed that 25.6 million ounces of the IMF's gold holdings should be sold to generate more funds for the developing countries, with another 25.6 million ounces restituted to IMF member countries.

It has been agreed that the restitution will largely take place once the first 25.6 million ounces has been sold for development aid purposes, and these latter sales will effectively start only when the new IMF trust fund has been established.

This is scheduled to happen after the IMF's ministerial meeting in Jamaica in January.

In selling the gold for development aid purposes the major central banks will be asked to pay into the fund for their holdings of gold in the IMF the difference between the existing official price of about $42 an ounce and the free market price.

Officials pointed out that central banks would be reluctant to make up the difference out of their own reserves, because this would involve a substantial transfer of hard currency to the IMF, although the books of the central banks would show no overall decline in the value of reserves as the gold would be valued at the free market price.

If the central banks do not wish to make up the difference between the official and market price themselves, then they will have to sell the gold to the markets.

But officials pointed out that central banks would be unwilling to do this in large volume as such sales were bound to depress market gold prices and so effectively reduce the value of *the gold they held in their* reserves.

This dilemma for the central banks could thwart the IMF's new gold plan.

Some officials said central banks would willingly part with hard cash for gold only at times of great international economic and currency uncertainty, but the IMF explicitly intends to reduce gold's official reserve role and hence it must avoid in its selling strategy the accumulation of gold reserves by central banks.

Another major problem which could delay the start of the IMF's gold plans indefinitely centres on the developing countries.

The new agreement involves that portion of gold held for these countries to be repaid to them at the free market price, while the profits of gold sales on the gold held by developed countries goes into the trust fund, for eventual use by developing countries.

IMF officials pointed out that a row could well develop over *defining which countries might* be considered to be developing and which might be seen as developed.

They said the argument was likely to concern some of the Latin American countries and some oil-producing countries, which would want their gold shares in the IMF repaid directly at the market price, rather than having their share placed in the trust fund.

This argument, academic as it may appear, could pose great difficulties for the IMF's executive board and eventually force changes in the new gold agreement.

Poland signs 10-year cooperation pact

By David Young

Britain and Poland yesterday signed a 10-year programme of cooperation which implements the long-term agreement for the development of economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation concluded in March, 1973.

The agreement, the result of four days of talks between Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, and Mr Jerzy Olszweki, Polish Minister for Trade and Shipping, identifies specific sectors for cooperation. It is hoped it will result in doubling bilateral trade in the coming year.

Mr Olszweki yesterday said that his government was already considering the renewal of one important contract with a British company and investigating other trade possibilities.

More than 100 British companies cooperated in the formulation of the agreement and it was also scrutinized by the various Polish trade organizations.

It has been drawn up to serve as a guide to the organizations, enterprises and companies of the two countries by indicating pratical ways in which the 1973 long-term agreement can be to their mutual advantage.

Both governments feel that particularly good prospects for the development of cooperation exist in the engineering industry; in raw materials, mining and power; in agriculture, food and food processing; in heavy industry; chemicals and in other fields, including building materials and synthetic textiles.

Specific areas of cooperation mentioned are joint research into the use of waste from coal mines as a building material, the development of high speed rail vehicles, water and air pollution control and disposal of agricultural and industrial waste.

£125m contract for Burmah

A contract worth more than £125m has been placed by the Polish state import-export company Polimex-Cekop with Petrocarbon Developments, a subsidiary of the Burmah Group, for the construction of a PVC manufacturing works at Wloclawek, north-west of Warsaw.

This is the first full turnkey project in Eastern Europe to be won by a British company and it is believed to be the largest United Kingdom export contract ever negotiated for a chemical complex.

Mr P. J. Simmons, assistant managing director of the Burmah Group, and Mr Z. Makomaski, director general of Polimex, signed the contract in the Polish Embassy in London yesterday. Mr Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade and Mr J. Olszweki, the Polish Minister of Trade and Shipping, witnessed the signing before going on to continue their talks on Anglo-Polish trade.

The contract will take about three years to complete and will eventually produce 200,000 tons of PVC a year as well as large quantities of caustic soda and solvents.

Petrocarbon will be the main contractor and will provide overall project management, including the design and procurement of the offsite equipment and procurement of the PVC plant equipment and overall site management.

Mr Stanley Wilson, managing director of the Burmah Group, said: "This is a major contract by any standards and is of great importance not only to the companies directly involved but to a great number of equipment suppliers over a wide area of British industry."

Boilermakers assail BSC policy

By Paul Routledge

Steel's deepening financial crisis yesterday prompted the Trades Union Congress to demand that no redundancies or closures in the industry should be implemented until every effort had been made to provide alternative jobs near by.

Delegates accepted without dissent a resolution from the Boilermakers which admitted the need for a modernized steel industry but condemned the Government and the British Steel Corporation for not doing enough to cushion the impact of modernization.

Mr Len Hancock, the Boilermakers' leader, said steelworks usually employed a large number of people and were often the mainstay of the local community's economy, so when they closed they caused serious problems for the whole locality.

"The skills of many of the workers in these plants are peculiar to the steel industry and are of very low value outside", he said.

While accepting the necessity for change, without which the industry would be condemned to inherit an obsolete technology, Mr Hancock argued that before closures take place every



Mr William Sirs yesterday: serious union reservations.

effort must be made to find alternative jobs where redundancies took place.

He called on the Government to heed the TUC's advice on the economy, to maintain generous regional policies and exempt investment in steel from cuts in public expenditure. The BSC, he added, could do more by clearing the site of obsolete plants, building factories and providing roads as an attraction to prospective manufacturers.

Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, intervened in discussion of the general council's report on the steel industry to give a warning that unless workers were consulted about reorganization, they would not accept it. He voiced serious reservations about the Boilermakers' resolution which, he said, clearly did not go far enough towards satisfying the largest union in the industry.

"We cannot accept reorganization unless we have an involvement", Mr Sirs said. "This is in line with the TUC policy on participation. We intend not only to take part in closures but also in plans for the future."

Ebbw Vale walk-out: Tinplate production at the Ebbw Vale steel works in South Wales came to a halt yesterday when nearly 600 men walked out in protest over a new shift agreement. Meetings between union representatives and management failed to settle the dispute involving men in the finishing department.

Britain escapes severe EEC steel curbs

From David Cross
Brussels, Sept 4

Steel producers in the European Economic Community are expected to aim for an average cutback of nearly 24 per cent in their output in the final quarter of the year, compared with the same period in 1974.

The cuts would fall most heavily on producers in West Germany and the Benelux countries. By contrast, British production would be trimmed by only about half the EEC average.

This gloomy picture of a continuing decline in Community steel production emerged after two days of talks in Brussels among officials of the Nine, the European Commission and steel producers' and users' representatives. The meetings were designed to help the Community work out voluntary restrictions over the coming months.

The new figures, prepared by steel experts in the Commission, envisage a 31.4 per cent cutback in the Netherlands, 28.3 per cent in West Germany, and 26.7 per cent in France, and about 26 per cent in Belgium and Luxembourg. Output in Britain and Italy would be reduced by 12.4 and 17.5 per cent respectively.

Suggested cuts for the final quarter are considerably greater than those planned for the current period. Between June and September steelmakers are aiming to reduce output by an average 15.4 per cent, compared with the cutback of last year. The latest 4 backs range from a 2.2 per cent in Britain to 22 per cent in West Germany suggested.

The Commission's final quarter, cutbacks for the to be discussed with trade union representatives, are not binding on nature and according to well-informed sources, the figures are in line with forecasts worked out by the steelmakers themselves.

Net losses at Edward Bates top £15m

By Margaret Walters

Edward Bates, the merchant bank which recently acquired substantial Arab shareholders, disclosed hefty losses in the wake of last year's secondary banking crisis when it published its preliminary results yesterday. In the stock market the shares collapsed by almost a third, falling 11p to 25p.

Net losses amounted to £15.2m after crediting a trading profit of £860,000 for the year running to the end of March as well as the £2m profit made on the sale of the Bates Oil Corporation to Atlantic Assets, one of its main shareholders, late last year.

Provisions and writeoffs amounted to over £9m, against £3m at the halfway stage. They include the £2m loss on Welfare, Bates's former life insurance company which was taken over by London & Manchester Assurance last year.

Arrangements are in hand to dispose of the two companies to Mr Dennis Barkway, a former director of Bate who announced his resignation last week. Mr Barkway came into Bates when his Montfall Securities group, as it was then called, merged with the bank in 1970.

Provisions against property loans and investments stalled £5.2m, while there is a further £1.5m set aside for other eventualities.

The banking business, as expected, has undergone a dramatic contraction over the past 12 months. Deposits have fallen from £130m to £41m, and loans from £73m to £34m.

Although the storm in the secondary banking sector has resulted in a fall in its net worth from over £23m to around £7m, the group chairman Mr David Keown-Boyd says in his statement that Arab participation in the bank will help build the bank into a major financial force, and that the group is "now in a position to be profitable".

How the markets moved

The Times index: 138.51 + 3.16
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Rises

Barclays Bk	10p to 280p	Glaxo Hldgs	15p to 82p		
BP	2p to 540p	Imp Chem Ind	13p to 380p		
BLMC	5p to 40p	Kinross	45p to 665p		
Costain R	13p to 210p	Midland	15p to 283p		
Courtaulds	10p to 133p	Royal	10p to 308p		
Decca A	16p to 212p	Western Areas	20p to 470p		
Furness Withy	10p to 229p	Welkom	30p to 360p		

Falls

Alliance Trust	4p to 174p	Minorco	4p to 250p		
Broken Hill	15p to 675p	Mono Containers	3p to 24p		
Challenge Corp	5p to 118p	Nthgate Explor	13p to 277p		
Dalgety	12p to 167p	Philips Lamp	10p to 700p		
First Nat Fin	2p to 3½p	Robb Caledon	3p to 17p		
Hoechst	21p to 365p	Steep Rock	5p to 90p		
Int Hldgs	15p to 870p	Trans Can P	18p to 762p		

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sell
Australia $	1.70	1.6
Austria Sch	39.50	37.0
Belgium Fr	85.00	82.5
Canada $	2.22	2.17
Denmark Kr	12.90	12.50
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.50	9.20
Germany DM	5.55	5.35
Greece Dr	69.75	67.50
Hongkong $	10.85	10.45
Italy Lr	1515.00	1465.00
Japan Yn	650.00	625.00
Netherlands Gld	5.70	5.50
Norway Kr	11.98	11.55
Portugal Esc	56.50	54.50
S Africa Rd	1.80	1.72
Spain Pes	126.00	121.00
Sweden Kr	9.45	9.15
Switzerland Fr	5.75	5.55
US $	2.15	2.10
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.75	37.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Equities rose sharply after good interim figures from ICI. Gilt-edged securities were firmer. Sterling lost 35 pts to $2.1095. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.6 per cent.

Gold rose $2.50 an ounce to $153. SDR—$ was 1.1889 on Thursday while SDR—£ was .662449. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1158.2 (previous 1158.1).

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utchison reditor eeks £9m

Our Financial Staff

s Hutchison International eholders yesterday voted in our of the proposals under ch Hongkong & Shanghai king Corporation would ct HK$150m (about £14m) the company, it was ealed that a British creditor pressing for repayment of K$96m (about £9m) loan.

r P. W. Wight, a director of chison, told shareholders at extraordinary meeting that creditor, who was not ed, had made it clear it ld press for immediate re ment of the loan if the gkong Bank's offer was not pted.

said that HK$226m would eeded between now and the end. Hutchison has already iled that another creditor claiming payment of 92.4m in connexion with the aking Alltrak company.

proposal to raise Hutchi authorized capital from 00m to HK$650m, as a ble prelude to a rights to all shareholders on the terms as those on which bank was subscribing, was ited after the Hongkong and its nominees voted ist it in a poll.

a show of hands vote the osal was carried and Sir las Clague, who said he ded to stay on as chairman Hutchison, described the ion as "disappointing".

Electrical Engineers to leave CEI

By Derek Harris

The Institution of Electrical Engineers, one of the big three among the organizations representing chartered engineers, last night served notice of resignation from the Council of Engineering Institutions.

The CEI, which represents 15 chartered bodies and the centre of a reorganization controversy for over a year, will lose the IEE and its £30,000 annual subscription income at the end of 1976.

This decision, taken at the IEE general council meeting in Edinburgh by an overwhelming majority, throws the chartered "club" into fresh disarray only a few weeks after compromise proposals on reorganization were finally agreed by a majority of CEI members, although without IEE support.

After last night's decision, against which only a few members voted out of a total attendance of about 70, the IEE said that it had no confidence in the success of the proposed CEI restructure.

Anxiety in Whitehall at this development is expected because of the need for a united profession in face of imminent European negotiations on various professional matters.

It is also likely to strengthen the case for a government inquiry into the organization of the engineering profession.

This has already been urged by Mr Arthur Palmer, MP for Bristol North-east and chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology.

Mr Palmer said last night that the IEE decision made such an inquiry more urgent.

Another problem which could face the CEI is that the IEE's decision might prompt at least one other member organization into following the IEE out of the "club".

This possibility was rejected last night by Professor John Coales, chairman of the CEI.

Commenting on the decision, he said: "Sad though it would be if the IEE did withdraw, the presidents of all CEI's other constituent member institutions have assured me that their institutions have no intention of following suit."

He said the other presidents had also promised the CEI their full support in carrying out the proposed restructuring.

Professor Coales, himself a past president of IEE, added that the CEI reorganization plans would proceed on the lines finally agreed at its meeting on July 24.

ical-Ferranti reakthrough' instruments

Kenneth Owen,
nology Correspondent

claimed technological through in digital instru s was announced yesterday y by Racal Instruments Ferranti.

ng a new integrated cir developed by Ferranti, is launching a new range ital frequency meters and er timers which are ed to be the most ced of their type in the

: Ferranti large-scale ration (LSI) circuit con the equivalent of over individual components, the company pioneered ss known as collector ion isolation (CDI). It is ed to be the first LSI t capable of counting y at frequencies of more 50 MHz.



fa Romeo workers defy n on return to work

John Earle
Sept 4

rkers in Alfa Romeo's two plants held meetings to to discuss further indus action following the break of mediation in Rome last by Signor Mario Toros, Minister of Labour.

ce Monday the manage of the state-owned car facturer and the unions been in dispute over the ning after the summer y shutdown.

management, alleging that unsold vehicle stocks are still excessive, decided to postpone the resumption of production from September 1 to 8 and to arrange for about 15,000 workers to be paid for one week out of public relief funds.

The unions refused to accept this, and have mobilized the workforce to report for normal duty every day since Monday, though they have not succeeded in getting production going. Union representatives say they will claim payment of normal wages at the end of this week.

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 30th June 1975
(Expressed in United States dollars)

			1974	
	$000's	$000's	$000's	$000's
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Dividends from investments	10,431		26,104	
Interest and net sundry income	6,781		8,451	
		17,212		34,555
Administration and other expenses	1,431		1,067	
Interest on six per cent registered loan stock	298		302	
Other interest	67		214	
Costs of prospecting	3,523		3,203	
Less: Charged against Prospecting Reserve (Note 3)	323		—	
	3,200	4,996	3,203	4,786
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		12,216		29,769
Foreign taxation		476		118
PROFIT FOR YEAR (Note 4 (a))		11,740		29,651
Net (loss) gain arising from currency fluctuations	(1,101)		27	
Less: Transfer from (to) currency reserve	1,101		(27)	
		11,740		29,651
UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT, 30th JUNE 1974	12,541		12,058	
Adjustment thereto arising from changes in currency exchange rates	252		—	
		12,793		12,058
		24,533		41,709
APPROPRIATIONS				
Transfer to general reserve		—		7,000
Dividends:				
Ordinary shares				
No. 77 of 8 cents (U.S.) declared 13th February 1975, paid 27th March 1975	2,534		7,917	
No. 78 of 6 cents (U.S.) declared 4th September 1975, payable 23rd October 1975	1,900		14,251	
	4,434		22,168	
"A" ordinary shares (note 4 (b))	5,892		—	
		10,326		22,168
UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT—30th JUNE 1975		14,207		12,541
		24,533		41,709
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1975 (Expressed in United States dollars)				
CAPITAL		103,023		44,356
SHARE PREMIUM		127,128		41,422
CAPITAL RESERVE		72,610		78,814
PROSPECTING RESERVE		4,677		—
REVENUE RESERVES				
General reserve	30,352		30,343	
Currency reserve	2,878		3,979	
Unappropriated profit	14,207		12,541	
		47,437		46,863
		354,875		211,440
SIX PER CENT REGISTERED LOAN STOCK Repayable at par on 30th June 1978 unless previously purchased by the corporation		5,017		5,035
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		2,112		2,700
LOANS FROM ASSOCIATED COMPANIES		10,098		2,800
		372,102		221,975
Represented by:				
INVESTMENTS				
Quoted, at cost (market value $279,638,000 1974: $62,807,000)	225,658		49,597	
Unquoted, less amounts written off	81,795		51,404	
Loans, less amounts written off	18,811		53,166	
		326,265		154,167
INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES NOT CONSOLIDATED, at cost				
Shares	202		202	
Loans	979		668	
		1,181		870
		327,446		155,037
FIXED ASSETS		6,981		7,974
CURRENT ASSETS				
Dividend receivable	839		13,648	
Amounts and accrued interest	2,740		2,416	
Balances at call and short notice	36,052		58,437	
Stores	87		51	
with bankers	2,484		2,645	
	42,202		77,197	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Overseas taxation	562		89	
Creditors and provisions	2,061		3,611	
Bank overdraft	4		12	
Shareholders for ordinary dividend No. 78	1,900		14,251	
	4,527		18,233	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		37,675		58,964
		372,102		221,975

NOTES:

1. **FINAL DIVIDEND**

The directors have today declared a final dividend (No. 78) of 6 cents (United States Currency) a share in respect of the year ended 30th June 1975 payable to members registered in the books of the corporation at the close of business on 19th September, 1975 and to persons presenting coupon No. 81 detached from share warrant to bearer. Dividend warrants will be posted from the registered office of the corporation in Bermuda and from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the local registrars on or about 23rd October 1975.

Currency and other details relating to the payment of this dividend will be published in the press on 5th September, 1975.

2. The Corporation holds a 49.98 per cent interest in Zambia Copper Investments Limited (ZCI). ZCI, in turn, has as its principal investments a 49 per cent interest in Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines Limited and a 12.25 per cent interest in Roan Consolidated Mines Limited.

Zambian Exchange Control Regulations provide, inter alia, that the net dividends received by ZCI from these two investments must be held for the company's account in Kwacha in Zambia and externalised only after the end of the respective financial years of the copper producing companies.

ZCI announced on 18th August, 1975 that approval for the externalisation of US dollars 10,332,000 relating to dividends paid by NCCM on the "B" shares during NCCM's financial year ended 31st March, 1975 had been requested from the Zambian Exchange Control Authorities in terms of the current regulations. However, the authorities were neither able to grant approval nor to indicate when it might be forthcoming.

Consequently it was necessary for the final dividend for ZCI's year to 30th June 1975 to be passed. ZCI has indicated that as and when these funds are externalised it will give immediate consideration to the declaration of an interim dividend, out of retained profits carried forward, for the ZCI year to 30th June, 1976. Any such distribution by ZCI would form part of Minorco's earnings in its year to 30th June, 1976.

3. **PROSPECTING**

Total prospecting expenditure for the year to 30th June 1975 amounted to Dlrs 3.5 million. Shareholders will note that of this sum, Dlrs 3.2 million has been charged against the profits attributable to the ordinary shareholders, while the balance of Dlrs 0.3 million has been written off against a prospecting reserve created this year out of capital reserves. It is the intention to make appropriations to this reserve out of profits in years of high earnings, while in years when profits are less substantial transfers will be made from the reserve to fund prospecting expenditure. In this way, the corporation will be able to maintain its substantial prospecting programme, without causing undue fluctuations in profits from year to year.

4. (a) Net Profit attributable to the "A" ordinary shareholders is as follows:

	Dlrs 000's
Dividends from Engelhard Minerals and Chemicals Corporation (EMC)	6,100
Less: expenses directly attributable to the "A" shareholders	208
Net Profit—distributed as in (b) below	5,892

(b) Dividends on "A" ordinary shares:

No. 1 of 2.73 cents (U.S.) declared 27th September, 1974, paid 30th September, 1974	1,144
No. 2 of 5.4 cents (U.S.) declared 23rd December, 1974, paid 31st December, 1974	2,263
No. 3 of 2.25 cents (U.S.) declared 17th March, 1975, paid 31st March, 1975	943
No. 4 of 3.68 cents (U.S.) declared 25th June, 1975, paid 30th June, 1975	1,542
	5,892

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Fiat aims at increasing UK sales with fresh range of heavy lorries

By Edward Townsend

Fiat, the Italian motor group which has had a surprisingly small share of the European commercial vehicle market, is planning a big sales push throughout the continent. It hopes to see its market penetration in the United Kingdom rise from this year's 0.7 per cent to 10 per cent by the turn of the decade.

The company is placing much emphasis on the heavy vehicle sector. Tomorrow it is launching a new range of big lorries, the 170-190, specifically aimed at the long distance haulage market.

These lorries, for which Fiat has designed low-noise V8 diesel engines as well as offering its existing six-cylinder in-line power unit, are intended for gross vehicle weights of up to 40 tonnes. It is planned to begin marketing them in Britain next year.

Fiat entered the United Kingdom commercial vehicle market later than the other big importers. In the depressed state of the industry it will face stiff competition at the heavy end, particularly from the Swedish manufacturers and the home produced Bedford, Ford and British Leyland ranges.

The new lorries are the first to be launched under the banner of Iveco, the holding company which was formed after the merger of Fiat with Magirus Deutz, the German heavy truck manufacturer, and also controls the Fiat companies in France.

Iveco last year produced 110,000 vehicles. With a slump of up to 35 per cent in the heavy vehicle sector, output this year is expected to total 100,000.

Signor Bruno Beccari, head of Fiat industrial vehicles, admitted at the introduction of the new trucks that there was still no sign of an end to the recession; but Fiat is clearly hoping that demand will begin to pick up by the middle of next year.

French diesel car: Citroën will present a new version of its CX-2200 car, powered by a diesel engine, at the international motor show to be held in Paris early next month, the company announced.

The car will be equipped with a 4-cylinder, 66hp diesel engine with a maximum speed of about 90mph. It will have hydro-pneumatic suspension and power disc brakes.

Unions to confer on bulk whisky threat

By David Young

Falling Scotch whisky sales at home and abroad, and speculation that the American owners of one of the most well-known blends are considering switching bottling from Scotland to the United States, has prompted the tradeunions in the industry to draw up plans for a three-day crisis conference in January.

The conference is being called by the General and Municipal Workers' Union, which represents most of the workers at whisky bottling plants as well as workers in related industries such as packaging. Mr Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade is to be invited to the conference.

In the key United States market customers are reported to have been moving from home-produced light... The unions, however, concerned with the practice of shipping in bottling in the United which they claim is... jobs.

The GMWU at its ... ferences has consistently for a ban on bulk ... purs, although some officials in the ind... now considering ca... legislation requiring b... customers to buy ... amount of bottled whi...

US importers of bu... enjoy a 14 per cent ... tage over the bottled ...

So far this year ... whisky blended and ... Scotland have fallen b... cent to 31.6 million ... while bulk exports r... per cent to 12.6 millio...

MINERALS AND RESOURCES CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda)

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND No. 78 ON THE ORDINARY SHARES

Notice is hereby given that dividend No. 78 of 6 cents (United States currency) per ordinary share, being the final dividend for the year ended 30th June, 1975, has been declared payable to ordinary shareholders registered in the books of the corporation at the close of business on 19th September, 975, and to persons presenting coupon No. 81 detached from share warrants to bearer. This dividend, together with the interim dividend of 8 cents per share declared on 13th February, 1975, makes a total of 14 cents per share for the year. A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. 81 detached from share warrants to bearer, viz. be published in the press by the London secretaries of the corporation on or about 12th September, 1975. The ordinary share register in Bermuda and the local ordinary share registers in the United Kingdom and the Republic of South Africa will be closed from 20th September to 3rd October, 1975, both days inclusive.

While members are entitled to receive payment of their dividend in Bermudian currency, existing Bermudian foreign exchange control regulations do not permit the corporation to hold in Bermudian currency, cash funds arising from revenue source. For this reason the board of directors has decided to pay his dividend in United States currency except that arrangements have been made for payments to be made in United Kingdom and South African currencies as follows:—

(a) Members with registered addresses in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, who have not mandated payment to addresses outside those countries, and member who have mandated payment to addresses in those countries will be paid in United Kingdom currency and will receive the equivalent of the United States currency value of their dividends converted at the rate of exchange ruling on 14th October, 1975.

(b) Members with registered addresses in the Republic of South Africa, outh West Africa, Botswana, Lesotho or Swaziland, who have not mandated payment to addresses outside those countries, and members who have mandated payment to addresses in those countries will be paid in South African currency and will receive the equivalent of the United States currency value of their dividends converted at the rate of exchange ruling on 14th October, 1975.

Members with registered addresses in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Republic of South Africa, South West Africa, Botswana, Lesotho or Swaziland, may however elect to be paid in United States dollars. Any request for such payment must be received at the offices of the local registrars in the United Kingdom or Johannesburg, whichever is appropriate, by 15th September, 1975. Members who so elect must comply, as necessary, with the United Kingdom or South African Exchange Control regulations.

Dividend warrants will be posted from the registered office of the corporation in Bermuda and from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the local registrars on or about 23rd October, 1975.

Any change of address or dividend instruction involving a change in the office of payment to apply to this dividend must be received by the corporation in Bermuda or by the corporation's local registrars in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 19th September, 1975 and members must also, where necessary, obtain the prior approval of the relevant exchange control authorities having jurisdiction in respect of such changes.

Payments due to shareholders resident in Rhodesia are governed by exchange control regulations in Bermuda and in the United Kingdom and will be blocked. Members with registered addresses in Rhodesia may, however, mandate payment of this dividend to authorised banks in Bermuda or authorised depositaries in the United Kingdom, for credit to blocked accounts.

In respect of dividends payable in United Kingdom currency from the United Kingdom local registrars' office to or to the order of members who registered addresses are in the United Kingdom or to other members who have mandated payment to addresses in the United Kingdom, there will be deducted United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate except where authority has been received from the Inspector of Foreign Dividends to pay without such deduction. In all other cases no United Kingdom income tax will be deducted.

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MINERALS AND RESOURCES—CONTINUED

5. During the year, the corporation's holding of preferred stock of EMC was converted into common stock, with the result that the Corporation now has an interest of 30 per cent in EMC. In March of this year the Anglo American Corporation do Brasil ("Ambras") in which Minorco has a substantial interest acquired a 49 per cent equity holding in Mineracao Morro Velho S.A., which operates a group of small gold mines in the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil. Output is currently at the rate of 40 000 tons of ore per month, and it is anticipated that the introduction of certain technical improvements will in due course increase output by up to 50 per cent. The corporation has also acquired a 12 per cent interest in Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company (ICC) of the United States. The principal activities of ICC consist of the open pit mining and smelting of both oxide and sulphide copper ores in Arizona.

By Order of the Board
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Business appointments

Reed International chief gets board post with ICI

Mr A. A. Jarratt, who is chairman and chief executive of Reed International, has joined the board of ICI as a non-executive director.

Mr Peter Maloney has been appointed finance director of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries.

Sir Jack Callard has joined the board of Ferguson Industrial Holdings.

Mr L. J. Crosthwaite has been made a director of GKN Group.

Mr J. B. Symmons is to join Clarke Chapman as managing director of the group's Thompson Wolverhampton division.

Mr Charles A. Coombs, former senior vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, has been named a director and consultant of American Express International Banking Corp and American Express International Development Co.

Mr Gerard Bonham-Carter has been made a director of Charterhouse Japhet. He will take charge of a newly formed company, Charterhouse Japhet Export Finance.

Mr J. S. Kennedy has been appointed managing director of Barker Ellis, a member of the Penns Group.

Mr P. C. Clarke, previously vice-president, data processing marketing and service, IBM Europe, has been appointed director, data processing division of IBM United Kingdom. Mr N. Jonas, previously director, personnel and corporate affairs, has been made director of a newly established management services division. Mr L. H. Pitch, previously group director personnel IBM Europe, becomes director, personnel and corporate affairs.

Mr Warwick Squire, chairman of Dowty Rotol, has been additionally appointed deputy chairman of Dowty Boulton Paul, Wolverhampton.

Mr William Barnard has been admitted to partnership of Arthur Andersen.

Mr R. A. Pollitt has been appointed executive director of National Westminster Bank's south-west region, succeeding Mr A. E. G. Brain.

Mr J. J. Page, chairman of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Co, is also to become chief executive for 18 months under reorganization plans. Mr J. B. Fitzpatrick, who continues to head the cargo handling division, is appointed deputy chief executive and Mr G. W. Brimyard is to head the port services division. Dr A. Salman, commercial director, and Mr W. T. Thomas, port services director, are leaving the company.

Mr Edwin T. Wood has been named executive vice-president of Amax Iron Ore Corporation. Mr J. Stanley Mitchell becomes vice-president operations at Amax's nickel division.

Mr Harold Bamberg has been appointed a director of Mitchell Cotts International Airfreight.

Mr Michael Hooke has joined the board of MSC Public Relations.

Mr R. D. Hill has been appointed a director of Ofrex Engineering.

Mr Ronald T. Booth has been made director, business development Europe, for Eaton Corporation.

Mr Frank Gregg is named a director of KPE.

Mr C. J. Hayes has resigned from the boards of Metal Products and Charles Clifford Industries.

Mr G. H. Lang has become a director of Bradwall (FMS) Rubber Estate.

Mr Gordon Armistead, formerly director of the ferrous division of Leigh & Sllawan, has joined the board.

Mr R. C. Cropper has been named managing director of Yates Duxbury & Sons in succession to Mr A. Beveridge, who is leaving the group. Mr J. C. Kendal succeeds Mr Cropper as managing director of Lithopak. Mr Cropper remains on the Lithopak board as a non-executive director.

Following the death of Mr P. Adams, Mr T. W. Reed has been elected chairman of Ace Belmont International.

Week to f... trade ma... fee incre...

By Adrian Hope

There is alarm ... recently proposed in... trade mark fees will ... patent increases, prov... productive by reducin... of raising overall in... the Patent Office.

However, whereas ... increases are announ... *fait accompli*, the tr... fee increases are sti... draft form and objec... be lodged with the Pa... on or before Septemb...

Although the fact h... escaped publicity, ... minimum cost of ob... trade mark registrati... one year have risen ... stages from £16 to ... the cost of renewing ... tion from £22 to £73.

Inevitably, this wil... reduction in total fi... renewals which may ... the increase in revenu... on what is filed. Perh... important, it will be ... firms and businesses ... no longer afford to ... maintain trade mark p...

Some members of ... marks profession h... suggested that the ba... cation fee should be ... to encourage filings, ... tively heavy fees shoul... able by the applicant ... testing reasonable offi... tions.

This would serve to ... the filing of careft... sidered and pre-search... cations while at the s... discouraging the reckl... of applications for ma... could have been estab... clearly unregisterable.

But under the prop... increases there rem... charge for an official ... on a disputed case.

INTERIM STATEMENT

ICI Half Year's Results

The Board of Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited announce th... following unaudted figures of the trading results of the Group for the first half o... 1975 with comparative figures for 1974.

1974 First Half £ millions	1974 Year £ millions		1975 First Half £ millions
1,444	1,955	SALES TO EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS	1,502
254	455	PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION & GRANTS	158
81	169	After providing for Depreciation	84
−113	−201	Taxation less investment grants	−63
7	14	Regional development grants	14
148	268	PROFIT AFTER TAXATION & GRANTS	109
—	−6	Extraordinary items	−5
148	262		104
−11	−19	Applicable to minorities	−10
137	243	PROFIT AFTER TAXATION & GRANTS APPLICABLE TO IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED	94

Group sales in the first half of 1975 comprise sales in the UK of £641m (1974 £598m) and overseas sales of £861m (1974 £846m). The fob value of exports during the first half of 1975 was £284m (1974 £323m).

The economic recession continues to affect the chemical industry world-wide and to depress the Group trading results particularly in fibres and plastics. The effect of the recession in these business areas has however, been mitigated by the broad product and territorial spread of the total operations of the Group.

The following table summarises the quarterly sales and profits before taxation:

		Group sales £ millions	Group profit before tax £ millions
1974	1st Quarter	651	122
	2nd Quarter	783	132
	3rd Quarter	765	119
	4th Quarter	746	82
	YEAR	2,955	455
1975	1st Quarter	748	80
	2nd Quarter	754	78

If adjustments were made, by using general purchasing power indices, for the impact of current inflation on these figures, Group profit before tax of £158m would be reduced by approximately £130m: this compares with a corresponding reduction of £123m for the *whole* of the year 1974 in the conditions of inflation which existed then.

The charge for taxation in the first half of 1975 consisted of £47m of corporation tax, £24m overseas tax and £1m of tax on principal associated companies, less a credit of £9m for investment grants.

INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 1975

The Board have declared an interim dividend of 6.9493 pence (six point nine four nine three pence) per £1 unit of Ordinary stock of the Company in respect of the year 1975. This, together with the imputed tax credit of 3.7419 pence is equivalent to a gross dividend of 10.6912 pence (1974 9.0375 pence).

The increase of 1.6537 pence is the maximum amount by which gross total dividends for the year can be increased under current legislation and will preclude any increase in the final gross dividend.

The interim dividend now declared, which will absorb £34m will be payable on 11 November 1975 to members on the Register on 26 September 1975, by which date transfers must be lodged.

First nine months results of 1975

The trading results for the first nine months of 1975 will be announced on 27 November 1975.

REPORT OF THE INFLATION ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

Sandilands emphasizes need to clarify effects of rising costs and prices on companies' financial position

When costs and prices are increasing as rapidly as they have been in recent years, companies must ensure that their accounts show the effect of such increases on their financial position and their results, for the benefit of those using the accounts.

Companies themselves also need to be aware of the effects of such increases on their position in order that management may take appropriate action. However, the realization has grown in recent years that conventional accounting practices do not lead to the effects of such increases in costs and prices being shown in a satisfactory way in companies' accounts.

The apparent picture of a company's performance given by existing accounting conventions is often misleading and the ability to compare the performance of different companies in a useful way, which is important for the investor and the investment analyst and therefore for the allocation of national resources, is significantly impaired. There is widespread agreement that something needs to be done, but up to now there has not been universal agreement on how existing accounting practices should be modified.

WHAT HAPPENS TO PROFITS

	Pre-tax profits: £m		
	Historic	CPP	CCA*
Assoc Portland Cement	24	34	15
BOC Int	35	35	−3
Barclays Bank	162	106	153
Bass Charrington	50	74	33
Boots	66	58	47
Coats Patons	47	34	20
Courtaulds	125	98	72
Distillers	71	70	41
Grand Metropolitan	33	101	5
GUS	89	53	65
ICI	461	338	136
Imperial Group	73	96	6
Pilkington Bros	31	31	20
P & O	48	64	20
Sears	37	53	16
Thorn	65	50	30
Unilever	333	248	108

* Historic method—as now used.
CPP—Current Purchasing Power method as recommended by the Accountancy profession.
CCA—Sandilands recommendations.

Source: Phillips & Drew

Measurement of inflation

In a practical, everyday sense, inflation means a persistent rise in the prices of goods and services, or conversely a persistent fall in the purchasing power of money. Neither inflation nor the purchasing power of money can be measured in the abstract, but only in relation to the changes in prices of specific items of goods and services on which money is spent.

Inflation is not a phenomenon measurable of independent measurement affecting all individuals, companies and other entities in the same way. The rate will vary for different individuals, companies and other entities according to the selection of goods and services which they buy. A company's accounts should show the effect of inflation on that particular company's operations.

A company's gains (or losses) may conveniently be classified under three major categories:

(a) A holding gain (or loss) is the difference between the value to a company of an asset at any point of time and the original cost incurred by the company in purchasing that asset. Such gains may be either realized or unrealized.

(b) An operating gain (or loss) is the difference between the amounts realized for a company's output (its earnings from goods or services provided) and the "value to the business" of the inputs used by the company in generating those amounts (see paragraph 13). The Committee believes that a company's profit it should be equated with its operating gains.

(c) An extraordinary gain (or loss) is the difference between amounts realized for items which do not form part of a company's normal output and their value to the company at the time of disposal. The distinction between operating and extraordinary gains may sometimes be a matter of judgment.

Accounts conventionally measure a company's affairs in terms of monetary units (pounds in the United Kingdom). During a period of inflation the "value" of assets, measured in terms of monetary units (pounds), rises and as a result most companies experience an increase in their holding gains. When the rate of inflation is high, the holding gains made by companies during the life of a typical asset may be very high, and are an important part of a company's overall affairs.

However, holding gains are different in character from operating gains and, while information on both types of gain is useful, they should be shown separately in accounts in order to give an overall true and fair view of a company's position.

Historic cost accounting

The basis of conventional accounting practice is historic cost accounting. The main features of this basis of accounting are that assets and liabilities are shown in the balance sheet at cost (less depreciation where appropriate) and the profit and loss account shows as profit the amounts realised from a company's output less the costs incurred in generating those amounts.

This objective discipline of accounting in terms of costs has proved of great value in the past and still retains its usefulness in all circumstances where it is desired to measure a company's performance in terms of costs incurred, and when prices are stable. However, during a period of high inflation the usefulness of historic cost accounts for many purposes is reduced for two main reasons.

First, historic cost accounts in their pure form do not recognize unrealized holding gains. Because assets are shown in the accounts at cost (less depreciation where appropriate) the unrealized holding gains arising from the increase in monetary value of assets due to inflation are not shown in the accounts. This is a serious deficiency which withholds useful information from shareholders, employees, management and other users of accounts on a type of gain which is increasingly important to companies during a time of inflation.

A large number of companies have already recognized this and are following the practice of showing assets (particularly property assets) at a "valuation" in their accounts. Up to now, however, there has been no consistency of treatment of such valuations with the result that it has become increasingly difficult to compare the accounts of different companies in a useful and meaningful way.

Secondly, the conventions of historic cost accounting generally result in realized holding gains being included together with operating gains as "profit for the year". When holding gains are large because of inflation, this feature of historic cost accounts reduces their usefulness and they fail to give information required by users of accounts. The problem arises under the two headings of depreciation and stock appreciation.

(i) DEPRECIATION

Under historic cost accounting depreciation is calculated with the aim of spreading the cost of an asset over its useful life.

This is not affected by inflation, since the amount paid by a company for an asset cannot be affected by inflation subsequent to the purchase. However, if owing to inflation the monetary value of the asset increases subsequent to its purchase, a conventional historic cost depreciation provision will not fully reflect the value of the asset consumed during the accounting year.

(ii) STOCK APPRECIATION

During a period of high inflation, the monetary value of stocks held may increase significantly while they are being processed. The conventions of historic cost accounting lead to the realised part of this holding gain (known as "stock appreciation") being included in profit for the year. It is estimated that in 1974 nearly half the declared profits of companies were due to stock appreciation.

Where a company needs to maintain its stocks at a fairly constant level, any holding gain realized on stock is unlikely to be available for distribution and it is potentially misleading to users of accounts to class such a gain as profit for the year.

Current purchasing power method

The professional accounting bodies of the United Kingdom and Ireland have recommended that a supplementary statement should be attached to the basic accounts of companies showing the figures in the basic accounts converted into figures of current purchasing power (CPP) at the date of account, using the movement of the retail price index (RPI) as an indicator of changes in the purchasing power of money*.

This recommendation has performed a valuable service in the short-term in making companies more aware than previously that inflation can have significant effects on their results. In the long-term, the CPP method does not remedy the deficiencies of historic cost accounting and the Committee does not consider that it provides the best long-term solution to the problem of accounting for inflation.

The use of the RPI, which is a wide-ranging index of prices of goods and services purchased by domestic consumers, will in many cases give a misleading indication of the effects of inflation on individual companies, which should be the main function of inflation accounting.

The CPP method also introduces a new set of problems by expressing company accounts in a new unit of measurement—units of current purchasing power—instead of in monetary units (pounds). The unit of current purchasing power is likely to be conceptually difficult for most users of accounts to understand. Moreover, the proposal that CPP statements should be supplementary to the basic accounts is likely to weaken their impact.

Current Cost Accounting

The committee recommends that an accounting system to be known as Current Cost Accounting should in future become the basis of companies' published accounts. The principal features of this system are:

(i) The accounts will continue as at present to be drawn up in terms of monetary units (pounds).

(ii) The accounts should show the "value to the business" of the company's assets at the balance sheet date.

(iii) Profit for the year should consist of the company's operating gains, and should exclude all holding gains. Extraordinary gains may be shown as profit but should be distinguished from operating gains.

(iv) Accounts drawn up in this way should become the basic published accounts of companies. In addition the net book value of assets and depreciation for the year on a historic cost basis should be shown in notes to the accounts.

The committee does not recommend that CPP statements should be attached to Current Cost Accounts. Little useful additional information would be presented to a user of accounts by such a procedure and the effect would be to confuse him and to make the annual statements too complex.

*Provisional Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 7 (SSAP7) issued May 1974.

Recommendations

(a) THE BALANCE SHEET

The "value to the business" of any asset owned by a company is the loss the company would suffer if it were deprived of the asset. In the great majority of cases this is equal to the amount it would cost the company to replace the asset in its existing condition. It will therefore normally be appropriate to value assets in the balance sheet by reference to their current replacement cost (allowing for depreciation where appropriate) taking any holding gains arising to a fixed asset revaluation reserve. Property assets should be independently valued at regular intervals.

In order to assist in the task of valuing other fixed assets the Government statistical service would make available a series of price indices for capital expenditure on plant and machinery specific to particular industries. Companies should use these indices unless they have reason to believe that a more precise valuation can be achieved by other means.

In certain circumstances the "value to the business" of an asset will be equivalent to its net realizable value or its "economic value" (defined in the Report as the discounted net present value of all future earnings expected to arise from possession of the asset).

(b) THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

The figure for depreciation in the profit and loss account should be a proportion of the figure of the "value to the business" of assets shown in the balance sheet, rather than a proportion of their cost.

Stock appreciation should be removed from the profit and loss account and taken to a reserve. This will be done by making a "cost of sales adjustment" in the profit and loss account, designed to ensure that the profit and loss account is debited with the "value to the business" of stock at the time it is consumed, not with its historic cost.

In the majority of cases a sufficiently precise adjustment may be calculated by charging the quantity of stock consumed at the average purchase price of stock during the year. In order to assist this calculation, the Government statistical service would make available a series of price indices for stocks purchased by specific industries.

Summary of total gains

Companies should include in their accounts a summary statement of total gains for the year, showing separately their operating gains (current cost profit), extraordinary gains and holding gains (including stock appreciation).

Funds statement

Companies should include with their annual accounts a statement showing the sources and uses of funds in the year of account.

It is not practical to require that companies should publish forecasts of future cash flows with their accounts. However, directors should include in their annual reports a statement on the adequacy of the cash resources likely to become available to meet the company's requirements in the ensuing year.

Advantage of Current Cost Accounting

The principle of showing assets and liabilities at their "value to the business" will enable the comparative returns on capital employed of different companies to be assessed in a more useful way during a time of inflation than is possible with existing accounting conventions.

The clear separation in the accounts of holding, operating and extraordinary gains will lead to a clear distinction being made between gains which are due to a company's productive efforts and gains due to luck or skill in the timing of purchases of assets during a period of inflation.

Such a form of accounting presentation will enable the performance of companies to be assessed and compared in a more useful way than existing forms of accounting presentation which do not make such distinctions. It is also particularly important for internal management purposes during a period of inflation to have information clearly distinguishing operating and holding gains.

The principles of Current Cost Accounting are developments of accounting techniques already in use by a number of companies. For example, the "revaluation" of property assets in company accounts is already widespread, and the principle underlying the "cost of sales adjustment" forms the basis of the "base stock" method of accounting for stock. Current Cost Accounting is an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary system of accounting.

Monetary items

Much of the discussion on inflation accounting has involved the treatment of the "gain" arising from borrowing during a period of inflation, and the "loss" arising from holding cash or near cash (such as debtors). Such "gains" or "losses" arise in terms of "purchasing power", and are thus a central feature of the current purchasing power method. It is misleading to regard them as "gains" or "losses" in terms of monetary units (pounds).

Under current cost accounting such "gains" or "losses" are not included in profit. However, the effect on the shareholders' interest (whether beneficial or adverse) arising from a company financing its activities in part by borrowing during a period of inflation will show through in a current cost balance sheet. The reason for this is that any holding gains which arise on assets financed by borrowing will be credited to the shareholders' interest while the company's liabilities will remain unchanged.

Implementation

The Committee recommend that a steering group should be set up to supervise the introduction of current cost accounting. If it proves feasible after the detailed programme has been worked out, the following categories of company would be required to draw up their published accounts in accordance with the principles of current cost accounting for accounting periods beginning after December 24, 1977:

(i) Companies listed by a recognized stock exchange.

(ii) Companies not within category (i) which disclose in their published accounts for the previous period either

(a) a turnover in excess of £10m, or

(b) total assets in excess of £10m.

(iii) Nationalized industries.

Other companies would in subsequent years progressively be required to draw up their published accounts in accordance with the principles of current cost accounting.

Report of the Inflation Accounting Committee: Cmnd 6225, HMSO £4.25



Mr F. E. P. Sandilands, aged 61, chairman of the committee yesterday. He became chairman of the Commercial Union Assurance in 1972, and is a director of Finance for Industry and Trafalgar House Investment. The deputy chairman, Mr Philip Shelbourne, aged 51, is chairman and chief executive of Samuel Montagu and a director of the Midland Bank. Other members of the committee are: Lord Caldecote, aged 57, chairman of Delta Metal; Mr Donald Chilvers, FCA, ACMA, 46, senior partner of accountants Coopers and Lybrand; Lord Feather, 68, former general secretary of the TUC; Mr Michael Inwards, FCA, 36, financial controller of the Pye group; Sir Emmanuel Kaye, 60, founder of the Kaye Organization; Mr Jerry Leonard, 58, group treasurer of Royal Dutch/Shell Group; Mrs Caroline Miles, 46, whose posts have included being independent member on the Textile Council and special consultant to the President of the Board of Trade on the reorganization of the textile industry; Mr Michael Nolan, QC, 46, a member of the Bar Council; Professor Walter Reid, FCA, 41, Professor of Accounting and Control at the London Graduate School of Business Studies; Professor Ralph Turvey, 48, Visiting Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics since 1973.

The detailed recommendations

The important features of the committee's detailed proposals for an initial standard of Current Cost Accounting are:

(a) Land and buildings should be valued on the "existing use" basis with the advice of independent valuers. Valuations should be made at three to five year intervals for non-property companies and annually for property companies.

(b) For fixed assets other than land and buildings, ships and aircraft the Government Statistical Service should publish a series of price indices specific to particular industries to provide a standard reference basis" for estimating the current replacement price (=replacement cost) of fixed assets.

(c) The initial standard should not require companies to depart from the existing bases on which stock is shown in the balance sheet, since in the majority of cases where a FIFO valuation is used this represents a sufficient approximation to the current value of the stock.

(d) No adjustment should be made to monetary assets in the balance sheet.

(e) In the profit and loss account stock consumed should be charged at its "value to the business". For companies who cannot ascertain the current cost of each sale at the time it is made the "value to the business" of the stock consumed should be determined by means of a "cost of sales adjustment". The cost of sales adjustment should be determined by the averaging method.

(f) Depreciation should be provided on all assets except land. It should be calculated on the basis of the value to the business of the asset at the end of the year. Backlog depreciation should not be charged to the profit and loss account since the aim of Current Cost Accounting is to charge against revenue the value of assets consumed during the year and not to set aside sums to finance the replacement of assets.

(g) Current Cost Accounting should be applied to holding companies and to the consolidated accounts of groups including subsidiary or associated companies.

(h) Presentation of Current Cost Accounts should clearly distinguish holding and extraordinary gains from operating profit. Companies should include in their accounts a summary statement of total gains for the year, showing separately their operating gains (current cost profit), extraordinary gains and holding gains (including stock appreciation).

(i) "Gains" on monetary items do not arise since the accounts are to be expressed in terms of monetary units.

(j) Appendix 2 of the report contains a detailed example of Current Cost Accounting showing the accounts of a hypothetical company drawn up on a current cost basis over a five-year period.

Pound unit retained in the proposed reforms

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Summary statement to their main points, the accountancy bodies said:

"Among the points which will undoubtedly evoke debate is the proposal of the committee not to measure the effect of inflation on monetary assets and liabilities, and on the shareholders' equity, and the problem of comparative measurement when the unit of measurement (the £) has a variable purchasing power."

Another unknown factor in the forthcoming debate is what the attitude of the trade union movement will be to the Sandilands report. The TUC did not submit evidence on the grounds that the committee was dealing with technical accountancy matters. It was a disappointment to them and it has been necessary for them to establish the requirements of employees from other sources and from our own deliberations", the committee says, pointing out that submissions have been made by the Trade Union Research Unit.

In making its recommendations the committee has accepted that "no accounting system" can deal with the problem of inflation. "The severe difficulties facing companies today are not the result of the existing accounting system; they are the result of inflation itself."

The committee gives this warning. "It should not be assumed that accounting for inflation is in itself a panacea for the difficulties of companies during a time of inflation."

Rejecting the present system of historic cost accounting, Sandilands says that, while it has served companies well for centuries, its usefulness is sharply reduced at a time of rapidly changing prices.

Then, acknowledging the "valuable service in the short term" of the accountants in recommending the CPP method in that it has made companies much more aware of significant effect inflation can have on, their results, the committee rejects permanent adoption of the system.

"It does not remedy the deficiencies of historic cost accounting and introduces a further set of problems by expressing accounts in a new unit of measurement (the unit of current purchasing power)."

Features of the system recommended by Sandilands—current cost accounting—are that it retains the pound monetary unit. Balance sheets would show assets and liabilities at their value to the business instead of their historic cost.

In most cases the value to a business of an asset is represented by its replacement cost under CCA, although sometimes it might be stated at its realizable value.

Profits for the year should be arrived at by charging against the amounts realized by output the value to the business of the assets consumed in generating those amounts.

The directors would have to show a sources and uses of funds statement in published accounts, and they would also have to show what cash resources are likely to be available to meet the company's needs in the coming year.

The idea of the committee is that CCA should entirely replace the present system—although the net value of assets and depreciation on an historic cost basis would continue to be shown in notes to the accounts.

Sandilands also wants price controls to be operated on a CCA basis; used as a basis for the profit formula in Government contracts and in Monopoly Commission investigations.

Dealing with the question of monetary items in accounts, the committee says that it is misleading to regard gains arising from borrowing during an inflationary period or losses arising from holding cash or near cash in terms of monetary units, although such gains or losses were a central feature of the CPP method.

Under CCA such gains or losses would not be included in profit, although the effect of borrowing to finance activities would show through so far as shareholders were concerned in a current cost balance sheet.

The next step, provided the Government give the go-ahead, is for a steering group to be set up to prepare the initial standard of CCA for issue by the accountancy bodies by mid-1977.

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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st December, 1974 (converted into sterling)

ASSETS	1974	1973
Availabilities in Greece and abroad	501,525,948	493,748,512
Loans and advances	1,116,781,062	910,900,305
Investments	205,928,910	179,163,913
Other accounts	129,874,969	75,288,292
Guarantors and other contra accounts	515,531,343	465,224,816
	2,469,642,232	2,124,325,841
LIABILITIES		
Share Capital and Reserves	121,488,134	117,618,990
Provision for depreciation of Assets	56,180,905	50,467,497
Deposits	1,610,697,344	1,395,938,085
Other accounts	163,744,506	95,076,453
Guarantees, etc.	515,531,343	465,224,816
	2,469,642,232	2,124,325,841
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	1974	1973
General expenses and taxes	38,104,693	29,410,475
Provisions for contingencies	8,294,628	8,615,291
Distribution of profits: Dividend*	7,025,018	6,130,924
Reserves and other provisions	3,642,675	9,290,284
	57,067,019	53,446,974

* 1974: Dr. 220=£3.13 as at 31.12.74.

Foreign cars continue to boost share of dwindling UK market

By Edward Townsend

Car sales in Britain in the first eight months of the year stood at 864,307, a 4.5 per cent drop on the 1974 period, in which foreign car manufacturers took a 33.7 per cent share.

Latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, show that the abnormally high sales achieved by importers at the beginning of August tailed off gradually throughout the month. Registrations in the month totalled 153,593, of which 39.6 per cent were imported models.

Sales figures for the last two months have been distorted by the large volume of July sales which were not recorded until the P registration letter was introduced in August.

A more balanced picture is provided by combined July-August sales which totalled 210,971, a 7.6 per cent fall on the previous year. Imports took 37.7 per cent of the total.

Chrysler and Vauxhall appear to have suffered most from the upsurge in foreign car buying. Chrysler's sales in August were 8,844 (5.7 per cent) and Vauxhall's 11,194 (7.2 per cent).

British Leyland, still hoping that with another month to run, its Superdeal campaign will boost sales, recorded 43,765 registrations (28.4 per cent) while Ford's share was 18.4 per cent with 28,299 cars sold.

The Japanese Datsun maintained its position as the leading importer with a 6.1 per cent share. Volkswagen/Audi took second place with 5.5 per cent followed by Renault (4.3 per cent) and Fiat (3.7 per cent).

Clifford Webb writes: Against a background of dumping allegations, British Leyland yesterday announced a record increase in car sales to the United States in the first eight months of this year. Sales of 52,969 were an increase of 45.7 per cent over the same period last year.

The biggest boost came from the Marina, main target for American protests of unfair trading. Nearly 12,000 Marinas have been sold so far this year, still well below the best-selling MG's 20,000.

New North Sea find near Thistle field

By Malcolm Brown

Another North Sea discovery was announced yesterday by the Halibut group. The find was made in an exploration well on a new structure in the north-west of block 211/18, some 7½ miles from the Thistle field.

A spokesman said the results were sufficiently encouraging for the group to undertake further exploration in the area in an attempt to find the boundary of the field.

It was not possible, however, to say at this stage whether the find was commercial.

The semi-submersible rig Blue Water 3, is now moving to drill another exploration well in the north central area of the block.

Halibut's statement came only 24 hours after British Petroleum had disclosed that the second well which it had completed on the Magnus field, had confirmed indications of a significant find. Oil Development is operator for the Halibut group.

Apart from Burmah the other members are: Champlin Petroleum Co (UK), a subsidiary of Union Pacific Corporation; Santa Fe Minerals (UK), a subsidiary of Santa Fe International Corporation; Deminex Oil and Gas, a subsidiary of Deutsche Erdölversorgungsgesellschaft; Tricentrol North Sea, a subsidiary of Tricentrol Ltd; and Charterhouse Securities.

World Bank president seeks more money for development body

Washington, Sept 4.—Mr Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, will begin negotiations with the United States and other donor countries in November on a huge new refinancing operation for the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank's "soft-loan" affiliate.

M Henri Konan Bedie, Finance Minister of the Ivory Coast, and chairman of the Joint International Monetary Fund-World Bank Development Committee, disclosed the timetable for the beginning of the IDA refinancing operation.

While it is understood that World Bank officials, including Mr McNamara, hope to line up pledges totalling more than $6,000m (about £2,857m) from the aid-donor countries to support IDA lending to developing countries in the three years starting in mid-1977, Mr William Clarke, Vice president of the World Bank, said bank officials had no fixed number in mind. "What we will be seeking, is a real increase in funds."

America takes the view that the World Bank must persuade the main oil-exporting countries, such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, to provide more funds in the next IDA financial replenishment.

The World Bank affiliate is financed by grants from governments, and it approves loans for periods of up to 50 years with only a small administrative fee to the poorer nations of Latin America, Asia and Africa. The United States agreed to put up one third of the last IDA refinancing, which totalled $4,500m.

M Konan Bedie said that the developing countries also needed greater access to the world's private capital markets.

Multilateral investment guarantees would be considered further when finance ministers and central bankers meet in Jamaica in January, he said.—AP-Dow Jones.

Spending on tobacco and food fell in decade to 1974

Food and housing accounted for a third of consumer spending in 1974, while only 1.9 per cent of total expenditure was devoted to entertainment and recreation.

This is disclosed in the National Income and Expenditure *Blue Book* for 1975, published today*. Prepared annually by the Central Statistical Office, the *Blue Book* is the standard work of reference for details of the national accounts of the United Kingdom.

It shows that over the decade 1964-74, the proportion of spending on food and tobacco declined.

At present prices, the percentage spent on food fell from 22.8 to 19.1, excluding meals in restaurants and hotels.

For tobacco, the fall was from 6.2 to 4.3, while for drink there was an increase, from 6.5 to 7.6 per cent.

Over the same 10 years expenditure on housing remained an unchanged proportion of the total at constant prices, but took an increased share of current price spending, reflecting an above average price increase in this item.

There was a large rise in the proportion (in both current and constant prices) of expenditure by consumers on the purchase and running costs of motor vehicles.

The *Blue Book* also shows that the share of total domestic income taken by profits after deducting stock appreciation fell in 1974 to 6.7 per cent—well below the average of 12.2 per cent over the period 1964-1973.

Employment income increased its share of total domestic income after deducting stock appreciation to 72.3 per cent; *HMSO, price £2.20.

Kuwait steps up US investments

New York, Sept 4.—Mr Abdel-Rahman Al-Atiqui, the Kuwait Minister of Finance, said today his country was continuing to increase its annual investment in the United States.

He told a news conference that the United States, in which Kuwait has been investing for 20 years, was likely to remain the world's leading economic power for the foreseeable future.

Asked for his reaction to a statement by Mr Daniel Moynihan, the American ambassador to the United Nations, that the Arabs were investing oil revenues almost exclusively in the West, Mr Al-Atiqui said: "We invest a great deal in the developing countries."

Mr Al-Atiqui said Kuwait had increased its aid fund to $3,500m from $600m.—Reuter.

Pricing pledge by oil ministers

New York, Sept 4.—Oil-exporting countries will raise their prices on October 1, but in such a way as not to injure world economic recovery, the oil ministers of Iran and Kuwait said in two separate interviews with the *Wall Street Journal*.

Mr Jamshid Amouzegar, the Iranian minister of the interior, who also acts for his country on international oil matters, gave no estimate of the impending rise in oil prices. But Mr Abdul Muttalib Kazimi, the Kuwaiti oil minister, said the increase might be about 10 per cent.

Some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries maintain that the oil cartel should raise its prices by 30 to 35 per cent.—Agence France-Presse.

Slight drop in German jobless

The number of unemployed in West Germany fell slightly to 1,031,100 in August from 1,035,200 in July, but was up sharply from 527,100 in August, 1974.

The average unemployment rate was 4.5 per cent in August, which was unchanged from July but up from 2.3 per cent in August a year ago.

The number of workers laid off or on short-time was 541,400 in August, compared with 649,300 in July and 105,000 in August, 1974.

Recommended prices policy under attack

By David Young

After an investigation into the sanitary towel and tampon industry the Price Commission has urged that the practice of recommending retail prices for such products should be abandoned or, alternatively, there should be an immediate 10 per cent cut in the recommended prices.

In a report the commission says that the recommending of retail prices is resulting in higher prices being charged in some shops than is necessary or desirable.

In its investigations the commission found that only one manufacturer, Kimberly-Clark, does not recommend retail prices because it believes the practice put up shelf prices.

The investigations spanned September, 1972, to June this year, when the retail price of sanitary towels increased by between 44 and 70 per cent and the cost of tampons by between 16 and 24 per cent.

Between the end of September, 1972, and the end of March this year sanitary towel manufacturing costs, in which the biggest increase was raw materials, rose by 62 per cent compared with 58.5 per cent for manufacturers' prices to the trade.

Manufacturers' net profit on towels averaged about 10 per cent in the half year to September, 1972, but fell to 2.6 per cent by March, 1975.

The report says that competition in the towel market may have intensified, but it has not brought prices below those allowed by the Price Code for the market leader, Southalls.

Only two companies, Southalls and Tampax, make tampons in any quantity and the report adds that when raw material costs increased by 30 per cent Tampax raised its prices to the trade by 23 per cent and Southalls by 27.6 per cent.

Manufacturers' net profit margins on tampons fell from an average of 39.5 per cent to 32.3 per cent. But the report comments that the profitability of Tampax is high by any standard, largely the result of technical efficiency and economies of scale.

Southalls' profits, though lower, nevertheless comfortably exceeded those earned by the average manufacturing company.

The National Pharmaceutical Union, which represents the 10,000 independent retail chemists, said the abandonment of recommended retail prices or a cut in them could only result in a reduction of the choice available to women and increase the number of chemist shops closing.

The Commission yesterday also published a report on its findings during an investigation of the diabetic food industry and points out that now that certain raw material prices are falling it is important to ensure that this is reflected in retail prices. A watch will be kept on the prices of these foods.

Conway Stewart has £1.2m debts

Conway Stewart, established in 1905 and "the oldest fountain pen manufacturers in Europe", disclosed total debts of £1,210,000 at a first meeting of creditors in London yesterday.

Trading had been carried on for some years at a factory at Cambridge Road, Enfield, Middlesex, but last December the business was moved to Bedwas, South Wales.

Assets had been estimated at £888,000 on a going concern basis. But if a forced sale was necessary the assets were likely to realize only £505,000.

Mr Norman Saddler, the official receiver, said the company also faced a £5m contingent liability under a guarantee it had given for Heenan Spark Group, of which the company was a part.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Window dressing on prices

From Miss Rosemary McRobert

Sir, No one who believed that competition is a "best buy" for consumers should be dismayed that the Government wants a local price information service (Mr Kemp, September 3). There is a good case to be made for giving better information about price ranges and price changes to enable consumers to make better buying decisions.

Sadly, the TUC-inspired political decision to give detailed local price information on a few items through local authorities is not geared to the way ordinary people shop or respond to price information.

What people want to know is the "right" price. As there is no such thing, what they would probably settle for is information about the range of prices. The "high", the "low", and the median range prevailing in say 50 per cent of the shops surveyed, with a rider about quality.

They could then decide for themselves if they wanted to go further afield for a lower price. This information is needed for hundreds, not just a few items.

Collecting it, collating it and analysing it is a job for professional organizations. Distributing it to the millions of people who shop is a job for professional communicators, not the advice centres with their average of 30 visitors a day.

Of course, this would cost a good deal more money than the Government has set aside, and that money would not be justified without a proper exercise in assessing what price information consumers do want.

Instead, we are offered a doubtful Government "bargain offer" as political window dressing. It is disappointing for everyone who thinks that consumers do need more and better information about prices.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY McROBERT,
Director,
The Retail Trading Standards Association, 360 Oxford Street, London, W1.
September 3.

Making profits more acceptable

From Mr G. A. K. Robinson

Sir, One way of making profits more acceptable to all (John Whitmore's article, August 30) is for businessmen to stop saying that they are in business to make a profit. They are in business to make a *product* (or provide a service). Profit is merely necessary in order to continue in business.

If more businessmen realized this, I think a good deal of the misunderstanding would fade away.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. K. ROBINSON,
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Cooperative engineers

From Mr J. A. Fletcher

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Case for wind power in saving energy

From Mr G. W. W. Pontin

Sir, The full page exhortation taken by the Department of Energy recently in their "Save Energy" campaign has many active supporters, including myself.

It does however contain the paragraph:

"Wind power is a much less likely starter. To equal the capacity of a single central power station we'd need 1,500 windmills with sails over 130ft across" with this implied conclusion there must be disagreement.

First, wind energy is, by its very nature, diffuse and decentralized, whereas standard power station practice centralizes power generation into larger, fewer units.

Obviously, centralized generation requires the transmission of the energy to the user and this function is normally done by those familiar overhead line pylons. There are about 60,000 such pylons in the country, thus averaging about 700 pylons per central power station.

We should therefore be comparing 1,500 windmills of an arbitrary size with a power station supplying 700 pylons, many of which are larger than the specified windmills. (This is fairer but still ignores the transport of fuel to the power station).

Those pylons must be inexorably spaced, at cable supporting intervals, across parkland, downs and scenic areas irrespective of whether the intervening area requires them or not. Such is not the case with wind units.

Secondly, modern energy producing windmills allow for the generation of hot water for space heating and normal electricity voltages and frequencies. They may also have facilities for storage and standby duties. They are fully automatic, self starting and self regulating and remain operational in gale force winds.

The energy expended in their construction is repaid from the energy they generate within a year (not so nuclear stations). They use British steel, British labour and contribute to the balance of payments. In most cases they are capable of being commissioned within months of date of order and are re-erectable if necessary.

Thirdly, windmill economics depend almost entirely on the windiness of the site and the size of the wind unit.

It is of the greatest importance to note that those areas where the filigree of the national grid peters out are generally the most suitable as wind energy sites. There are economic limits to which grid philosophy can be taken, as must be apparent by the connexion charges now in force in various areas. These charges are reasonable in so far as they reflect the government directive to the electricity supply industry to be profitable—consumers needn't agree.

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South Block,
Redhill Aerodrome,
Surrey.
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Redland

Results for the year ended 31st March.

	£ MILLIONS 1974/75	1973/74
SALES		
United Kingdom	70·20	63·63
Overseas	84·17	74·13
TOTAL	154·37	137·76
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		
United Kingdom Subsidiaries	5·00	7·93
Overseas Subsidiaries	10·79	12·47
Associated Companies	3·27	3·86
TOTAL	19·06	24·26
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO REDLAND LIMITED	6·82	9·21
Proportion Earned Overseas	60·3%	53·3%
Earnings per share	8·75p	12·03p
Dividend per share	4·37p	3·88p

After the year end the Company made a successful rights issue for £7·5 million. Shareholders took up 83·4% and the balance was placed at a premium in the market. The funds derived from it will enable Redland to resume selective expansion, principally overseas. Opportunities for such development are being actively pursued throughout the world.

Copies of the 1975 Annual Report can be obtained from The Secretary, Redland Limited, Reigate, Surrey.

NOTICE OF ISSUE — ABRIDGED PARTICULARS

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the undermentioned Preference Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

The York Waterworks Company

(Incorporated in England on 14th May, 1846, by Special Act of Parliament.)

OFFER FOR SALE BY TENDER OF £2,500,000

9 per cent. Redeemable Preference Stock, 1980

(which will mature for redemption at par on 1st October, 1980)

Minimum Price of Issue £98 per £100 Stock

This Stock is an investment authorised by Section 1 of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961, and by paragraph 10 of Part II of the First Schedule thereto. Under that paragraph the required rate of dividend on the Ordinary Capital of the Company was 4 per cent. but, by the Trustee Investments (Water Companies) Order, 1973, such rate was reduced to 2·5 per cent. in relation to dividends paid during any year after 1972.

The Stock will be entitled to a dividend of 9 per cent per annum without deduction of tax. Under the imputation tax system, the associated tax credit at the present rate of advance corporation tax (35/65ths of the distribution) is equal to a rate of 4 11/13ths per cent. per annum.

A deposit of £10 per £100 of nominal amount of Stock applied for must accompany each Tender, which must be sent to Deloitte & Co., New Issues Department, P.O. Box 207, 128, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4P 4JX, in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for York Water Stock" so as to be received not later than 11 a.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1975, being the time of the opening of the subscription lists and before which no allotment will be made. The balance of the purchase money will be payable on or before Tuesday, 30th September, 1975. Tenders must be for a minimum of £100 of Stock and above that in multiples of £100.

STATUTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company (originally called The York New Waterworks Company) was incorporated by Special Act of Parliament in 1846 and now supplies water within the administrative area of the City of York District Council and within parts of the administrative areas of the Harrogate, Ryedale and Selby District Councils in the County of North Yorkshire, comprising an area of some 131 square miles and an estimated population of 161,000. The total length of mains in the Company's area of supply is 508 miles and the average daily quantity of water supplied by the Company is 10 million gallons.

The present issue is being made to provide funds towards financing capital expenditure incurred or to be incurred on modernising and extending existing works and on mains and other works necessary for the maintenance and improvement of supplies in the Company's area. Such works include the construction of a new reservoir at Siward's How, the modernisation of the Company's Acomb Landing Treatment Works and improvements to the distribution system at an estimated total cost of approximately £4,500,000. Of this sum £675,000 had already been expended at 31st December, 1974, and the Company is party to a number of contracts relating to such works of a total value of £2,600,000, all of which have been entered into in the ordinary course of the Company's business. The programme of capital expenditure is a continuing one and it will be necessary for the Company to raise further capital in due course.

Copies of the Prospectus, on the terms of which alone Tenders will be considered, and Forms of Tender may be obtained from:—

Seymour, Pierce & Co.,
10, Old Jewry, London EC2R 8EA

Barclays Bank Limited,
Manslon House Branch, St. Helen's Square, York, YO1 1XB,
and from the Company's principal office, Lendal Tower, York, YO1 2DL.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A counter proposal from Sandilands

st the accountancy pro- as been continuing its current value systems provisional standard plumped for a Cur- chasing Power system on accounting, the total of CPP by the Sandi- ort does not automati- resent a big defeat for ng accountancy bodies. part from the fact that system was recommen- ely because it seemed ne to be the most easily orm of account adjust- dilands has now deci- tho considerable tech- gap to current value g methods is in fact le—it would be utterly suppose that, whatever tcomings, the concept laring historic pounds s of current purchasing without merit.

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ain point of controversy t certainly going to be idilands proposal that es should not specifi- count for net monetary nd losses arising from nge in the value of While the diehards will o concede that gains on ing values of liabilities not be accounted as those who feared that ng these profits would nisleading impression of , or that such profits become taxable, will y be in favour.

ffect, however, is obvi- ing to be to reduce the of most companies, in ises very considerably— sumably, to the conster- of the Inland Revenue/ y and the trade unions. the only big sector to ff appreciably better CA than CCP looks like e financial sector.

ust how much impact all ght have on share prices ter matter. In the first he system, if accepted, ot come into effect for years. Second, the accep- f the recommendations nges in the system of ntrols to reflect replace- st would clearly repre- counter factor of con- e force.

before we attain an accepted inflation accounting system.

All the same, Sandilands is not going to do anything for ICI's share price, and nor is the outlook for the seasonally depressed third quarter, during which the group has to contend with lower fertiliser sales and markets for plastics and fibres which, except in relation to the relatively small American business, are still thoroughly depressed. The second half will see UK wage costs alone rise by £60m, too.

Nevertheless, ICI is persevering with its capital expenditure plans, which means short-term that the heavy cash balances will be down by the year-end, and longer-term that the group should be very well supplied with capacity by the time of the next chemicals boom. The 6.5 per cent yield on the shares, at 280p, is reasonably attractive with that in prospect—but a purchase for recovery alone should be postponed until there is real evidence of it.

2nd Quarter: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £1,383m
Sales £754m (£783m)
Pre-tax Profits £78m (£132m)
*Dividend gross** 10.69p (9.04p)
*Interim

BET
Under pressure from Thames

British Electric Traction's shares have not moved far out of line with the market this year—as indeed one might have expected from a company with such a wide spread of interests —and yesterday's 4p price rise to 78p must be put down more to general market buoyancy than to any particular elation with the results. These were dead in line with the forecast at the interim stage when profits were down by 7 per cent and estimated to fall by a further quarter in the second half.

Fully half of the drop has come from the Boulton & Paul joinery and builders' merchant business where profits have already been reported down from £5.1m to £1.4m. Thames Television is down as well and there remains the troublesome Murphy Bros civil engineering contract.

Unfortunately it is hard to be too optimistic on any of these counts for the present year and as far as Thames is concerned the outlook must be one of unrelieved gloom. So it looks realistic to expect slightly lower, or at best unchanged, results in the present year. There may be some scope for relief at the earnings level, given that this year's tax charge of 56 per cent has been pushed up by ungroupable losses in Hongkong. But the yield of 8.4 per cent and the p/e ratio of 9.4 do not leave much scope for any general uprating against the market.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £110m
Sales £377m (£309m)
Pre-tax Profits £37.8m (£45.9m)
Earnings per share 8.3p (12.2p)
Dividend gross 6.54p (6.33p)

British Petroleum
Still on a declining trend

BP's second quarter sales volumes trace out the line of international recession. Crude oil sales slipped from 22.9 million tons to 21.5 million between the first and second quarters of 1975 and, with industrial activity weak, almost universally, crude sales will have continued to slip in the third quarter.

Against this there has been a slightly firmer tone in the Rotterdam spot market in recent weeks, and it is worth remembering here that oil demand tends to move in advance of national economies. If the spot market really is beginning to anticipate reflation that could help not only BP's sales but also the long term contracts that account for around 65 per cent of group crude sales.

These are straws in the wind, however, and if Opec decides at its September congress to hoist crude costs again (perhaps by another $1 a barrel) it is doubtful whether the market will be firm enough by then for BP to pass it on. So a further decline in crude trading margins looks almost inevitable.

Product sales, including chemicals, also slipped, by 5 per cent to 20.6 million tons, between the first and second quarters.

BP is running most of its tanker fleet well below capacity, too, by slow-steaming, though this, taken with the laying up of new VLCCs and scrapping of obsolete tonnage, should avoid any big traumas on the tanker side. Net income will almost certainly stay on a declining trend through the third and fourth quarters but BP's shares (supported by United States buying) were slightly firmer at 540p by last night where they yield just 5.23 per cent prospectively. The stock market is assuming that oil demand will have revived by the time North Sea and Alaska are well on stream in 1977, and the market is almost certainly right.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £2,084m
Sales £3,630m (£3,871m)
Net income £79.5m (£382.1m*)
Dividend gross 9.625p (8.746p)
*includes £175m "non-recurring stock profit"

Dalgety
Severe second half fall

Dalgety's pretax profits dropped 65 per cent last year, more if one excludes the £976,000 addition from an extra three months of United States and Canada trading figures, with the really hefty fall coming in the second six months. Australia was the worst hit area, turning in losses of £3.6m, including £0.8m writedowns in livestock values, with the problems centring on squeezed incomes in the farming community and poor prices.

Dalgety talks of a $175m fall in commission sales here, but this could show some recovery in the current year. Wool prices are understood to be timidly creeping up in recent weeks.

It is roughly the same picture in New Zealand, where pre-tax profits dropped from £5.5m to just under £1m, but the United States, well ahead at £1.4m.

In the United Kingdom, profits were surprisingly buoyant at £6.4m, up from £4.1m after financing losses on Crosfields & Calthrop. For the current year it is evidently hoped that Canada and the United States, where lead indicators are turning up, will see the group on to some sort of a recovery tack. The trading scenario may be vague, but commodity prices are due for some sort of an upturn, as and if the much vaunted world reflation gets underway. While there are obvious worries surrounding a dividend that was uncovered by earnings last year, there could be some interest in the shares which yield around 7½ per cent at 167p.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £41.6m
Sales £624m (£470m)
Pre-tax Profits £6.77m (£19.2m)
Earnings per share 4.8p (36.3p)
Dividend gross 12.5p (11.37p)

Inflation accounting still makes sense

John Whitmore

By the time the Sandilands report on inflation accounting dropped on to the desks of Mr Peter Shore and Mr Denis Healey shortly before the end of June, there was already some cause to feel that the report—let alone any implementation of its recommendations—was coming rather late in the day.

It was, after all, almost two years since the annual rate of rise in the retail price index had first burst through the 10 per cent mark. And from that point the rate of increase subsequently rose to more than 13 per cent before the Sandilands team even made a start on its work, towards the end of January, 1974.

So relentlessly did the rate of inflation continue to mount through 1974, moreover, that Mr Healey was eventually forced to take drastic action to offset the impact of inflation on corporate liquidity—months before there was any hope of Sandilands being able to produce any longer term recommendations.

The aid to industry came in the November mini-Budget and took the form of tax relief on stock appreciation—estimated to save the corporate sector a tax liability in year one of its operation of some £800m.

Ironically, when the report did finally arrive in Whitehall it came just at the moment when the Government was already well advanced with a major new offensive—the July measures—to turn the tide of inflation and to turn it dramatically. So, on the face of it at least, we are now left with proposals for inflation accounting which, if implemented, will not come into effect before the rate of inflation should already have dropped sharply.

Not that any of this is the fault of the Sandilands committee, which quickly came to realize that the originally mooted timescale for the report of two years was one which could not be afforded. Any blame for the delay in the Government's receipt of proposals on what should be done about corporate accounting in a period of above-average inflation attaches to government itself.

Early studies

The hope of governments, of course, is that one way or another inflation will eventually "go away". The accountancy profession, on the other hand, appeared to be less convinced and had started their studies of the implications of inflation for the corporate sector and corporate accounting at a fairly early stage.

In January, 1973, this resulted in the Accounting Standards Steering Committee publishing an exposure draft (ED 8) on "Accounting for changes in the purchasing power of money". This was to become the basis of May 1974's provisional standard—Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 7—requiring quoted companies to addend to future accounts (for accounting years beginning on or after June 30, 1974) a supplementary statement to give a better idea of the impact that inflation had had on profits.

In short, this was to be shown by translating specified accounting items from pounds, which inevitably represented pounds of different ages and different values, into units of comparable value—units of current purchasing power.

The response of the Government to all this and, more particularly, the mounting criticism of the way in which traditional accounting methods led to an undesirable tax burden on companies in a period of high inflation, was Mr Peter Walker's promise in the summer of 1973 of a government-backed inquiry into inflation accounting. But if the intention had now been born, it was still to take a surprisingly long time for the Government to set the process of that inquiry into motion.

That said, and even allowing for the prospect of a sharply declining rate of inflation over the next year or so, the need to fix on and adopt some method of accounting for inflation in the future is, in fact, in no way diminished. Clearly, inflationary cycles are going to recur—perhaps sooner than expected—while, even if the rate of inflation is brought down to single figures by the end of next year, it will probably still be running at a level that is historically high and certainly high enough to justify a transition from traditional accounting methods.

The validity of the second point is brought home all the more sharply by the fact that even countries which have not experienced the kind of inflation seen in Britain are also taking inflation accounting seriously. That the Brazilians have been forced to modify their accounting methods goes without saying. Nor is it any surprise that Australia, with a recent inflation rate not so dissimilar to that in Britain, is taking inflation accounting seriously.

But Holland, with an appreciably lower rate of inflation than Britain, has used a form of inflation accounting—replacement cost accounting—for some considerable time, while even the United States is taking the issue seriously, if moving somewhat cautiously.

Why, though, is the traditional system of historic cost accounting inadequate in a period of above average inflation? The short answer is that it makes profits look much bigger than they should in the sense that profit should properly represent what is left over at the end of an accounting period after making due provision for the maintenance of the business at a similar physical size to that at the opening of the accounting period.

How, then, do these distortions arise under traditional historic cost accounting methods? The main problem areas lie in the way in which fixed assets, such as plant and machinery, are depreciated and, secondly, in the way in which stocks are treated in order to arrive at the cost of sales.

But first take depreciation. *Assume that a company invests* £10,000 in a new machine which it proposes to lease. It estimates that the machine will have a working life of five years and, therefore, decides to write it off at 20 per cent, or £2,000, a year.

Assume, too, that the annual income (less any expenses) brought in by leasing the machine is £3,000 a year. After allowing for depreciation of £2,000, the company would show a profit of £1,000 a year. After five years it would have accumulated profits of £5,000 after setting aside through depreciation the £10,000 necessary to buy a new machine.

If, however, the cost of replacing the machine after five years had increased by 50 per cent to £15,000, it is clear that *the group would not have been* setting aside sufficient of its income to allow it to maintain its physical assets at the same level at which it had originally embarked on its business. In other words, it has been setting aside too little each year by way of depreciation and, conversely, declaring profits that did not really exist.

Move on now to the question of stock valuation. The traditional method of dealing with stocks in British companies is the FIFO, or "First in First our", system. Under this, the first units taken into the reckoning in arriving at the cost of sales in an accounting year are the oldest in terms of purchasing date—often stocks purchased in the previous year.

So long as the cost of buying stocks remains constant, this presents no problems. But once the cost of new stock starts to rise, then the situation changes.

What happens in effect is that the cost of sales comes, in part at least, to reflect the cost of stocks purchased in prior periods at *cheaper rates*. In other words, the cost of sales no longer fully reflects the current price of replacing stocks or the cost of maintaining stock levels at a constant physical level.

To the extent, therefore, that the cost of maintaining stocks at a constant level is underprovided, profits are, by definition, overstated.

As a very simple example, take a company that starts the year with 100 stock units at a cost of £10 each, or £1,000 in total. Assume that it sells these units for £12 each and reinvests the proceeds in 100 new units which now cost it, too, £12 each.

On an historic cost accounting basis one would now arrive at the cost of sales by taking opening stock (£1,000), adding purchases (£1,200) and subtracting the closing stock (£1,200 on the basis that the stocks sold were those that were "first in" at £10 each).

This gives a sum for the cost of sales of £1,000 + £1,200 — £1,200, a net figure of £1,000. Subtract the cost of sales from the sales proceeds of £1,200 and one has a profit of £200.

Inherent danger

On the assumption, however, that profit is what is left over after maintaining stock at a constant physical level, it quickly becomes clear that the cost of sales has been understated and that there is no profit at all.

The inherent dangers of historic cost accounting in a period of high inflation should become immediately apparent from the above examples. Two of the main ones, for instance, relate to taxation and dividends.

As far as taxation goes, it is not hard to see why companies are unhappy about paying tax on profits that are struck before allowing in full for the cost of maintaining the physical size of the business at a constant level. For to the extent that these profits represent cash that is needed to achieve this aim, any additional call on this cash by way of taxation can lead only to inability to maintain the business at a constant level or a recourse to borrowings to do so.

Similarly with dividends. To the extent that profit does not make allowance for the full cost of maintaining the business at higher price levels, there are obvious dangers in taking profit to represent cash that is available for distribution. In the case of both the examples used, it is clear that none of the "profits" should have been made available for distribution.

How solar heating is becoming a practical proposition

If solar energy were used to meet the domestic hot water requirements of Britain throughout the summer, and contribute to those requirements in the winter, the potential saving in primary energy use would be up to 4 per cent of our total national energy consumption. This would be equivalent to eight million tons of oil, worth, at present import prices, about £300m.

These estimates were given earlier this week by Mr Peter le Cheminant, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Energy with special responsibility for energy conservation policy.

Mr le Cheminant hastened to add that these figures represented a theoretical extreme which was most unlikely to be achieved. But, he emphasized, the use of solar energy for domestic water heating and perhaps for domestic space heating could make a significant contribution to energy supplies in the longer term.

What stimulated his remarks was the announcement of the winners of a solar heating design competition sponsored by the Copper Development Association, Potters Bar. This competition attracted 99 entries, nine of which were awarded prizes. The aim was to encourage the design of efficient, economically feasible, copper-using systems for water and/or space heating.

Copper is not the only material which is suitable for the solar-energy collector panels which are used in most of these systems—aluminium panels are used in the new town of Milton Keynes, for example—but copper offers a number of advantages. In particular, since copper tube is used for most domestic water systems, it makes sense to use copper for the "wet side" of a solar heating system *to avoid the corrosion problems* associated with mixed-metal systems.

Many of the projects which were entered for the CDA competition were designs which have yet to be built and tested. But one of the joint first prize-winners, submitted by the Masini/Franklin partnership of Croydon, is significant in that it has been built and is now being installed for water heating in three Wates houses at Forestdale, near Croydon.

Externally these houses are identical to other houses at Crofts Mead, Forestdale, except for large solar collector panels in the south-facing side of the roof. The solar heating system is self-contained in the roof space, with connexions up from the rising main and down to the main hot-water cylinder.

Sections of the solar collector —made up of lengths of half inch copper tube and flat strips —fit between the rafters. They are chemically treated to give a black surface which absorbs a high proportion of radiation (even when the sun is not shining directly on the roof); and they are single-glazed on the outside and quilt-insulated on the inside.

A 20 per cent mixture of ethylene glycol and water passes through the copper tubes. This, when heated by the solar radiation, is pumped through a heat-exchange coil inside a 50-gallon reservoir cylinder, so heating the water in the cylinder.

Cold water passes into this cylinder from an integral header tank above it; after heating, the water supplies the main hot-water cylinder in the house. This has an immersion heater for use when necessary.

The control system includes temperature sensors so that the pump is brought into use whenever the collector temperature is higher than the reservoir temperature by a predetermined amount.

If little water is drawn at a time when the weather is hot, the water temperature could become dangerously high unless precautions are taken. To avoid the risk of scalding, excess heat above a preset temperature level is dispersed automatically by a fan-cooled, finned-tube cooler in the circuit.

On the architects' figures, the system should give a saving of up to 60 per cent (about £64 at today's electricity prices) on each household's yearly water-heating bills. That is, solar heating alone can provide 60 per cent of the hot water.

Costs are difficult to estimate since the collector panels (designed and made by Imperial Metal Industries) are not yet in volume production. But the extra cost (to the builder) of incorporating such a system into a new house is put at £376. This is based on a collector area of 88 square feet, as at Croydon.

Over the next two years Wates will monitor the performance of the solar heating systems in the three homes at Forestdale, which should be ready for occupation in November.

There are a number of more ambitious experimental solar-energy house-heating projects in being and in prospect elsewhere in Europe and the United States, but the result this week of the CDA competition has shown that conventional, existing technology can already make a worthwhile contribution to harnessing the power of the sun—even in Britain.

Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

Business Diary: Back into the warm • Leyland's loss

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having got back onto he resigned again and the company folded,



Bob Woods in earlier days, when managing director of Norbury Insulation.

wiping out his shareholding and leaving him bankrupt.

In spite of these clashes with the City establishment, however, he is clearly still greatly admired by the men who once worked for him, and it was a conversation between two of them which led to the present invitation to him to work for a new grouping.

James Barker, who is a thermal insulation engineer and will be chairman of the new company speaks knowingly of Woods' sales ability (his job will be as sales consultant) and confidently predicts a big contract within four to six weeks. He is untroubled by Woods' past difficulties arguing that "He's matured now; he's 33."

Like the others in the group, Barker plans to give up his present job as soon as the orders come in. "We've got the best engineers in the country working with us and they'll do a real day's work because they are working for themselves".

The present need to cut energy use and the hope of sales to the Middle East (an unnamed Arab bank is said to be taking 10 per cent of the holding company) make the men hope that within a few months they will be bringing in new partners, each of whom will be allowed to buy their own stake.

New businesses are a rare sight at the moment; it will be interesting to see whether this marriage of workers co-op and capitalism can succeed.

Candid

Another name was added yesterday to the long list of executives who have left British Leyland since George Turnbull quit as managing director more than two years ago.

The latest to go is Allen Sheppard, the 42-year-old director in charge of service and parts for the new British Leyland Cars Company. An ex-Ford and ex-Chrysler man, he was at one time widely tipped for a top post in the new line-up.

From 1971 to 1973 he held a key job as managing director of British Leyland's European and overseas operations. During this period he master-minded the extensive reorganization of the group's European sales network which had begun under that extrovert character Filmer Paradise.

This cigar-chomping American was brought back from Europe to become sales director of Austin-Morris. He resigned shortly after Turnbull and is now working in Singapore.

Sheppard's progress within British Leyland was almost certainly blocked by his own expertise in a special sector. He is acknowledged to be one of the industry's top parts and service experts. When British Leyland Cars was formed in May his parts empire was expanded by the inclusion for the first time of operational control of six big component plants.

He is leaving the motor industry after 18 years to join Maxwell Joseph's Grand Metropolitan Group as chief executive of Watney Mann and Truman with a seat on the main board. Last night he said: "Quite candidly they made me an offer I could not refuse. I regret leaving British Leyland at such a critical time and my departure is certainly not a protest at Ryder. My operation came out of that report with flying colours."

But he did admit to being very worried about the future of the motor industry as a whole. "I fear it is in for a really tough time for the next three years or so and even after that we will never again see the sort of growth achieved in the sixties."

Sheppard added that in his view the group would only succeed if given time to settle down. "Everyone is fed up with change, change, change. This only leads to continual bickering.

"They have a serious overmanning problem and I am sure that given a reasonable chance by the public and the unions the new managers can tackle this."

Garage grouses

Inveterate moaners about the standard of service at garages now have a chance to complain in detail thanks to a new scheme devised by Ford and available to all its main dealers.

Called "Rate Our Service", the scheme involves the issue to customers of special questionnaire cards which they can fill in and send to a Ford collating centre. So far, 200 of the company's 380 main dealers have bought the cards.

They ask car owners to state their degree of satisfaction on five points ranging from quality of service to whether their vehicle is free of greasy finger *marks. The one glaring omission*, however, is a question about garage charges, although there is space for "additional comments".

The acid test, of course, will be whether genuine deficiencies brought to light will be rectified. Ford said yesterday that after collating, the cards would be sent back to dealers with a note showing how their colleagues had fared in the same area—which could ginger up a bit of professional pride.

Ken Pendergast, Ford's director of customer service, says that most criticism comes from a vociferous minority. "We are just as interested in the chap who doesn't write to his newspaper, or kick up a fuss. It could be that the majority is silent because it is reasonably satisfied; but that remains to be seen."

In anticipation, presumably, of those irate customers who just want to hurl abuse at their neighbourhood garage, Ford has headed the card's name and address section: "If you do not wish to be identified with your opinions, leave this section blank."

Report of The Wellman Engineering Corporation Limited for the year ended 31st March 1975

Salient points from the circulated Statement of the Chairman, Mr. Alan C. N. Hopkins, M.A., LL.B.

- Turnover up by 36% to £13,500,000
- Dividend covered 2.2 times
- Exports 45% of Group Sales
- High Order Book at Year End

Facts & Figures		1975	1974
		£	£
Profit before taxation		906,291	734,511
Assets Employed		5,034,121	4,604,600
Asset Value	per	44.7p	42.7p
Earnings after tax	25p.	4.00p	3.22p
Dividend	share	1.799p	1.692p

WELLMAN

THE **GRAHAM WOOD STEEL GROUP**

Group Well Placed

Salient points from the circulated statement of the Chairman, Mr. David Graham Wood, for the year ended 31st March 1975 are:

- Group turnover increased to £6.3 million and profits before taxation to £405,000.
- Total of dividends paid and proposed is 1.686p per share, the maximum allowed under the counter-inflation legislation.
- Working capital position has been improved substantially allowing investment in steel stocks to be increased.
- Stockholding Division, which is the second largest stockholder of heavy steels in the United Kingdom, is able to maintain its market share and is well placed to take advantage of the upturn in steel demand as it occurs.
- Engineering Division order book contains a good mixture of business from both the private and public sectors. A significant proportion of future turnover could arise from exports.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from:
The Secretary, The Graham Wood Steel Group Limited,
P.O. Box 230, Green Lane, Hounslow, TW4 6BQ.

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Stock markets

Major industrials boosted by good ICI results

The equity market was jolted out of its recent lethargy by second quarter results from ICI which were some £10m above market expectations. Share prices, which had opened quietly, turned sharply higher about one hour before the ICI statement, when rumours began to circulate that the results would outstrip market forecast of £60m to £70m.

Interim figures from BP disappointed the market but failed to shake the general optimism with which ICI was awaited. When the chemical giant announced second quarter profits of £78m, the market rose strongly. Profit taking at the close was easily absorbed, and outweighed by buying for the new account, which opens on Monday.

At the end of the day, the *FT* index showed a net gain of 8.4 at 329.3. Marked bargains were low—at only 4,461. But some institutional orders were brought forward in the wake of ICI's statement, and the tone of the market was clearly better than for some time.

Long-dated Government stocks managed a ¼ point rise on small, steady demand yesterday. They had opened an ⅛ point better, but this initial firmness had looked unconvincing, and it was not until around midday that higher prices

Shares in R. Costain were bought up to 210p on disclosure in the trade press that talks which could land a £600m contract to build a township in Iran are "at an advanced stage".

looked sustainable. The 1¼ percentage points fall in the French bank rate, to 8 per cent, brought some comfort to the market.

Dealers said the firmer tone was generally led by the high coupon stocks, but business was not generally very large. "Mediums" did not broadly share the firmness of "longs", and rose mainly by about only an ⅛ point. Short-dated stocks tended to fluctuate before losing with scattered ⅛ point rises.

A better trend overnight in the United States bond market had helped underpin the market, dealers said. Some interest was seen in the tap, Treasury 9¼ per cent, 1980, but this was limited following the recent increase in the Government Broker's short-tap price. Yielding nearly 12 per cent, the tap is tending to dominate the market because there is little incentive to invest in comparable stocks, dealers added.

Shares in ICI edged forward from 266p to 269p ahead of the profits announcement, and then quickly advanced. There was some profit taking by the early buyers but this was offset by fresh buying, which took the shares to 280p (after 281p at the very best), a net gain of 13p on the day.

But shares in BP dipped to 535p when the market took a cautious view of the statement. The profit total was slightly below market hopes. Later in the session, BP shares rose to 544p, to close at 540p, a net 2p higher.

Leading industrialists took their cue from ICI. Courtaulds, the closest to ICI in business terms, added 10p, to 133p. Bowater, due to report trading figures today, gained 7p to 166p. Glaxo Hldgs (382p) and Fisons (375p) moved higher. In tobaccos Bats were wanted at 303p, but Rothmans International (25½p) made litle response to the annual meeting.

Engineering shares were marked higher in the wake of the rest of the market, but saw less trade than the internationals. GKN put on 4p to 215p, and Tubes 6p to 240p, while BLMC at 40p rallied from Wednesday's fall with the help of news of higher sales in the United States.

Building shares continued to move up strongly. Press comment boosted Tunnel Cement to 136p, while other good spots included Taylor Woodrow (290p), G. Wimpey (118p) and J. Laing (126p).

Store and food stocks also followed the upward trend, without attracting much interest. Gains in Tesco (48p), Boots (120p), Debenhams (74p) and Marks & Spencer (110p) were within the range of a few pence.

Trading news lifted Church Bros (90p) and BET (78p). But whisky distiller Arthur Bell slipped to 106p on lower profits, and shares in Dalgety weakened to 166p after the poor results were announced.

But consumer electricals remained firm behind Decca, whose "A" shares put on a further 6p to 212p on the good figures announced on Wednesday. There was a good turnover again in Permali shares, as the market put its faith on better terms from BTR. Dunbee-Combex-Marx, the toymaker, came to life again as the punters looked for a good Christmas trading season.

Gains of 10p or so were chalked up in bank shares, on the back of the rise in industrials. The exception was

A substantial line of shares in Babcock & Wilcox changed hands and the share price, cut back to 105p in the morning, had rallied to 113p by the end of the session.

Edward Bates Hldgs, whose shares fell to 25p on disclosure of substantial losses. But several property issues advanced, notably Land Securities at 172p.

Oils were generally quiet after the BP result. But Burmah improved to 29p on a substantial contract in Poland and news from the Thistle Field.

Gold shares looked steadier after the bullion price had turned better. Gains of 75p or so brought FS Geduld to £27, President Steyn to £15¾ and President Brand to £22¾. Equity turnover on Wednesday was worth £40.2m (10,288 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph were ICI, Midland Bank, Barclays Bank, Permali, Distillers, BPB Inds new, Bats, Hanson Trust, BP and Consolidated Goldfields.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Arthur Bell (50p)	2.41	1.94	1/12	—	5.09
Br Electric Traction (25p) Fin	2.84	2.84	17/10	4.24	4.24
BP (£1) Int	6.25	5.86	6/11	—	16.86
Brown Bros (10p) Int	0.2	0.2	20/10	—	0.5
Canadian Imp Bank ($2) Int	32c	23c	28/10	—	96c
Cantors (20p) Fin	1.11	1.27	—	1.86	1.69
Church (25p) Int	1.1	1.0	—	—	5.37
Dalgety (£1) Fin	3.79	3.76	—	8.12	7.61
Derek Crouch (20p) Int	0.93	1.00	—	2.1	3.00
Dow Chemicals ($5) Int	40c	35c	30/10	—	1.10
Edward Bates (25p) Fin	Nil	2.5	—	—	5.00
Fairview Estates (10p) Int	2.00	2.00	19/9	—	4.65
Garner Scotblair (25p) Int	1.0	0.9	16/10	—	2.03
Gibbons Dudley (25p) Int	1.2	0.75	3.11	—	2.56
ICI (£1) Int	6.94	6.05	—	—	11.07
Kennedy Smale (10p) Fin	0.72	0.74	—	1.39	1.44
Lothian Inv (25p) Fin	0.44	0.65	3/10	0.90	1.08
Muri & Res ($BD1.40) Fin	6c	45c	—	14	70
Mixconcrete (25p) Int	1.05	1.05	24/10	—	2.2
Provident Fin (25p) Int	1.31	1.31	—	—	3.96
Reardon Smith (50p) Int	1.62	1.67	30/9	—	3.18
Robb Caledon (50p) Fin	Nil	3.52	—	—	3.52
Sharpe & Fisher (25p) Int	0.7	0.7	12/11	—	1.81
Spong (10p) Int	0.39	0.16	20/10	—	1.02

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast. c Cents a share.

Mixconcrete hopeful after big slide

Mixconcrete (Holdings) took a tumble in the six months to May 31, tripping over, among other things, a £200,000 provision for bad debts. On turnover down slightly from £10.3m to £10.2m, pre-tax profits dropped more than two thirds from £404,000 to £118,000 and net profits from £194,000 to £57,000. The interim payment is 1.62p against 1.57p gross.

Provident Financial drops 18pc as restraint takes effect

By Ashley Druker

The emphasis for this year at Bradford-based Provident Financial, the check trader and "People's Bank", as seen by Mr R. S. Davenport, chairman, a few months ago was naturally on consolidation rather than expansion.

His view of 1975 as a transitional year, while the group awaited better times suitable to growth is underlined by the results for the six months to June 30. They show a sharp drop in interest charges from £3.05m to £5.36m, and pre-tax profits down 18 per cent to £2.38m. Turnover dwindled from £79.47m to £37.21m (compared with £154.46m for the full preceding year). The net profit eased from £1.4m to £1.14m and the half-time payment is 2.02p against 1.96p gross.

Higher gross margins were earned to cover the increases in agents' commission (from 4 to 6 per cent) and other operating costs during the six months. But the reduced charge for interest, largely reflecting a lower level of average borrowings, has not wholly compensated for the loss of revenue from reduced turnover.

Meanwhile adequate liquid reserves are being maintained and current arrears show no deterioration over the 1974 year-end.

Mr Davenport, commenting on the interim outcome, says that the group has been able to relax the strict limitations on new business which were imposed in mid-1974 to conserve cash. But prudence requires continued restraint while depressed economic conditions prevail. For the full year to December 31 the level of profitability ultimately depends on the volume of business available during the rest of the year, reinforced by continued stability of interest rates and operating costs.

Historically, Provident, Bradford-based (formerly Provident Clothing & Supply), has provided documentary and other credit facilities, chiefly in the form of low value checks and vouchers (up to £20 in value), to some 1.5 households in Britain. It has an extensive customer loyalty (being the first in the field), with a network of agents (some 16,000) to ensure continuity of business. In the past few years the group has entered the personal loans business through The People's Bank.

Interest charges punish Bell

By Desmond Quigley

Profits at Arthur Bell, the Scotch Whisky distiller, have again slipped at the interim stage. This is despite the inclusion for the first time of Canning Town Glass Works which became a subsidiary half way through and contributed £133,000 before tax.

Bell made a pre-tax profit for the six months to the end of June of £1.43m, a drop of £133,000 on the same period last year, even though turnover rose by more than a third to £31.1m. At the pre-interest stage profits were up by a fifth, but more than doubled interest charges of £1m skimmed off the gain.

Interest charges were slightly down on the year end—traditionally the peak but they are almost certain to be higher by the end of this year since Bell estimated that increased duty charges will cost an extra £1.5m. The £5.3m raised by the debenture and the rights issue has been used to finance expansion.

Mr Raymond Miquel, the chairman, said yesterday that profits from whisky sales had dropped by £307,000 to £1.3m despite higher turnover in both volume and value, but the rise was more than offset by heavier operating and interest costs. Home sales were well ahead, but export sales dropped, thanks largely to a drop in orders from Italy.

The price of Bell's whiskies was raised in August and Mr Miquel said it was quite possible that an application for a further increase would be made after a three month gap.

The gross dividend has been raised from 2.91p a share to 3.72p. (Early yesterday the company originally declared a dividend equivalent to 3.53p but later altered this.)

Reardon board cautious though fleet is busy

A 45 per cent slump in pre-tax profits at Reardon Smith Line over the six months to September 30 brought a fairly quiet reaction from the market. The ordinary shares, at 420p, and the "A", at 145p, both about 5p easier.

The drop in profits from £3.2m to £1.8m was much as expected though rapidly improving dry-cargo rates for the sort of tonnage Reardon has may bring a rather better second half year. But the board is cautious expecting "no more than satisfactory" profits for the full year. It is thought unlikely last year's £5.8m will be matched.

In the background is the 17 per cent of the ordinary shares held by the Panamanian group Sociedad Internacional De Bienes Raices. Looking further ahead, the board remains optimistic, and it points out that the company's fleet has remained fully employed in what is described as a "depressed period".

The pre-tax profit is struck after interest up from £255,000 to £545,000 and a surplus on the sale of a vessel of £1.5m (£689,000). Shareholders are to get an interim dividend held at 2.5p and the board will consider the balance of the maximum allowed at the year's end.

Hanson takes Whitecroft stake

Hanson Trust has acquired "as an investment" a 21.5 per cent stake valued at £800,000 in Whitecroft, the Manchester group, with interests in engineering, property and textiles as well as building.

A move of this nature was hinted at in the chairman's interim review for the half year to March 31. Mr James Hanson said then he saw significant growth in the profit levels of companies allied to the building industry when activity resumed, and the company's results placed it in a strong position to seek further expansion. So did the recent rights issue. In the year to March 31, Whitecroft's pre tax profit rose from £3.14m to £3.27m.

Robb Caledon slightly over forecast deficit

Scottish shipbuilder Robb Caledon, baled out in August with a £2.5m loan from Lazards and guaranteed by the Post Office, reports as expected heavy losses for the year to March 31. At £1.67m the pre-tax loss compared with a profit of £181,000, and the board's earlier forecast of a loss of some £1.55m. The pre-tax deficit was arrived at after an increase of £3.5m in provisions for estimated future losses on contracts.

At the annual meeting last month, Sir John Brown, chairman, told shareholders that the estimated losses over the past year included the balance of "very substantial" losses on contracts for the construction of two cable repair ships for the Post Office. He said then that the group needed the cash injection to "continue in business".

At halfway, after an interim loss of £480,000, the company was looking for something better than breakeven by the end of 1974-75. This was on the assumption that labour problems had been resolved and that correct cost estimates had been made on ongoing contracts.

this year. Bank borrowings have been cut by over 50 per cent and this should be maintained. The increase in the unissued capital from the proposed one-for-three scrip issue (announced last month) will be used for the acquisition, when appropriate, of other concerns. Meanwhile, an ex gratia payment of £4,000 is proposed to Mr J. T. McIntosh, a former director, on his retirement.

the Middle East, East and West Africa and Brazil, Lord Beeching added.

Cemetery versus Crematorium

The board of Stockport Borough Cemetery has written to shareholders urging them to reject the offer from Dundee Crematorium and to back the voluntary liquidation of Stockport at an extraordinary general meeting to be held on September 19. The board, who hold 11,081 shares has declared its intention of rejecting the offer.

One reason for this is that the cash offer by Dundee of £3.35 per share is inadequate, as shareholders would receive at least £3.80 after liquidation.

Wagon Ind buoyant

With pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 last up 29 per cent to £2.23m behind it, Wagon Industrial Holdings now looks to more good things for

Brown Bros in sparkling start

Distributor of motor accessories, radios and televisions, Brown Brothers Corporation (formerly Brown Brothers & Albany), has issued its first interim statement. It reports pre-tax profits 27 per cent higher at £740,000 for the half year to June 30. They are struck after lower interest of £363,000 against £547,000. Earnings a share, fully diluted, were 0.838p against 0.67p, while the interim dividend is 0.31p compared with 0.29p gross.

Total borrowings at June 30 were £950,000 lower at £6.4m, while shareholders' funds grew £877,000 to £7.66m. Net current assets went up £297,000 to £4.3m.

In the motor distribution business present trends are healthy while prospects for manufacturing are "encouraging".

Gloom at Redland

Shareholders of the Redland group were offered little comfort by chairman, Lord Beeching, in his statement at the annual meeting. There was no evidence of a recovery in construction activity in any of the group's more important areas of operation.

"This is the first year when I have addressed you as chairman without being able to refer to an increase in profits", he admitted. (Pre-tax profit for 1974-75 fell 21 per cent to £19.06m.) Funds from the recent £7.5m rights issue were being used for expansion in west Germany, the United States, Iran,

Property sales aid Cantors

The operating profit of Cantors, a general house furnisher rose from £204,000 to £703,000 in the year to April 26, though they were helped by an extraordinary gain from property sales of £619,000 (£148,000). Pre-tax profits climbed from £362,000 to £1.05m, on turnover up from £6.61m to £9.01m.

The company proposes a scrip issue of one "A" ordinary share for every 10 ordinary shares, and/or "A" ordinary shares held. No provision is made for any liability to corporation tax from the gains on property sales as the proceeds are being reinvested in similar assets.

Final divided is 1.70p against 1.90 making 2.81p. The year before the total was 2.52p.

Minorco dividend slashed

Profits at Minerals and Resources, formerly Zambian Anglo American, plummeted by more than 140 per cent to $US12.2m in the year to June 30. This was partly because dividends due from Zambia Copper Investments have not been remitted, bringing total investment dividends from $26m to $10.4m.

The final dividend has been slashed from 45 cents to 6 cents making, a total for the year of 14 cents, compared with 70 cents. Minorco now has a 30 per cent stake in Engelhard Minerals and Chemicals Corporation.

Fairview Estates slip

After writing £901,000 against £690,000 off the book value of developments, Fairview Estates has turned in slightly lower pre-tax profits of £1.03m against £1.22m for the first half to June 30. Turnover rose from £7.4m to £9.9m and share-

Briefly

CHURCH ADVANCES
Pre tax profits £497,000 (£444,500) in half year to June 30 on turnover £6.5m (£5.7m). Interim dividend of 1.1p against 1p declared. Chairman, Mr Ian Church says outcome for year must depend on retail trade, which has held up well.

BRITISH NORTHROP
Turnover for 1974 £2.26m against £1.09m. Loss before extraordinary items £227,000 (loss £253,000). Net loss for year £29,000 (£334,000). Chairman confident that 1974 will prove to be turning point in company's fortunes.

GARFORD-LILLEY/ CHOULARTON
Garford-Lilley Industries notified by C. P. Choularton, Sons and Partners that they have sold their entire holding of 1.125m shares in Garford.

GARNAR SCOTBLAIR FALLS
Pre tax profits £243,000 (£266,000) for first half to July 31 on undisclosed turnover. Interim dividend of 1.0p against 0.92p declared.

BURMAH OIL AUSTRALIA
Company suffered $18,000 loss for 1974, against $2.68m profit. Loss excludes largely unrealized exchange rate fluctuation loss of $5.14m ($6.97m gain).—Reuter.

CAWOODS HOLDINGS
Pre-tax profits £4.12m (£3.40m) in year to March 31 on turnover £131m (£86.7m). Chairman, Mr Edward Binks said profits in the year to March 31, 1976, are running 10 per cent lower.

SHARPE & FISHER
Pre tax profits £304,000 (£340,500) for first half to June 30 on turnover £4.8m (£4m). Interim dividend of 0.7p (same).

DEREK CROUCH DECLINES
Pre tax profits £209,000 (£422,000) for first half to June 30 on turnover £11m (£8m). Interim dividend of 0.93p against 1.00p.

KENNEDY SMALE
Pre-tax profit for year to March 31 £210,000 (£178,000) on turnover of £1.58m (£1.57m). Final dividend 1.11p (1.10p) making 2.11p (2.10p).

CHARANTE STEAM SHIP
Co acquired a further 10,000 Burco Dean ordinary shares on August 8. Total holding 1.23m shares (about 19.39 per cent).

W. RIBBONS HOLDINGS
Co has acquired a further 30 per cent of Autoliv GmbH for £267,000 giving them control of 80 per cent of the company.

MAGNOLIA MANUFACTURING
Pre-tax profits £280,000 (£280,000) in first half to June 30 on turnover £1.38m (£1.29m). Interim dividend 0.67p against 0.93p.

SPONG PROSPERS
Pre-tax profits £112,000 (£2,000) for first half year to June 30 on turnover £1.08m (£577,400). Interim dividend 0.39p against 0.16.

GEORGE ARMITAGE
Interim 1.1p (0.99p). profit £132,000 (£189,000) c over of £1.11m (£1.10m).

BERTAM CONS RUBBE
Pre tax profits for year to 31, £278,000 (£212,000), o over £885,000 (£989,000). dividend in place of final is from 1.5p to 1.6p.

TCK-IMI IMPALA
TCK Group have acquire Impala from Imperial Industries. Impala wil renamed Heatpak-Impala.

HARTLE MACHINERY
Pre-tax profits £1 (£168,000) for first half to 30, on turnover £3.5m (£ Interim dividend declare 1.38p against 1.05p.

MASSEY-FERGUSON
Sales for nine months to 31, $C1.65?m ($C1,231). N come $C52.74m ($C38.64m).

ISSUES AND LOANS I

Sales fl but pro recover at Roth

By David Mort

Though the sale year are, as expe down thanks to forecast of Rot national recovery being realized wi of the pressure Lord Pritchard, chairman, told the ing in London. H prospects for the year are good. Pr were helping and again reached new

In answer to a the floor the c Rothmans would sify and stop t product company of the amount of by the Governme always a proble respect, though h timing talks mig partially alleviate There is no questi issue.

There was a se tions from Mr Mi of Action on S Health. In reply made the points t smoking should b on an industry ba ing was aimed to company's share of and that some assumptions made were now being q David Nicolson, vi takes over as cha Lord Pritchard reti years in the job.

Gibbons I still advan

Maintaining last petus, Gibbons Dud tories, engineering reports pre tax pr first half to Jun doubled at £1.45e climbed from £14.83m. The boa fits for the year s significant increas expects a second downturn in refract

Extraordinary it £225,000 deficit, item being an am off valuation of fr following the sale of land at Dibdale or below book val terim dividend is 0.75p.

Dalgety

Preliminary announcement of results for the year to 30th June, 1975

Comment by the Chairman, Mr. R. A. Withers

As forecast in last year's Chairman's Review and in the announcement of half-yearly profits, the anticipated decline in Group profits is shown by the following figures. The consolidated Group profit before tax has fallen by 66 per cent. from £19.2 million to £6.8 million. An analysis of this result between both Australia and New Zealand and the three Group Regions in the Northern Hemisphere shows that the decline in the former's pre-tax result is a turn round from a profit of £11 million to a loss of £2.7 million whereas in the Northern Hemisphere there has been an increase in profits from £7.7 million to £9.5 million.

These results emphasize again the importance of the progress that has been made in rendering the Group somewhat less vulnerable to the fluctuating fortunes of the rural sectors of the Australian and New Zealand economies.

All the Regions in which we operate have been affected by inflation of operating costs and by the decline in world trade. Our Australian and New Zealand companies have suffered in addition from reductions in the spending power of the rural community and from a decline in world prices for meat and wool.

Our Canadian operations were unable to sustain the high level of profits achieved in the previous financial year due to the decline in lumber prices in the North American market in the second half of 1974. Market conditions had improved appreciably by 30th June 1975.

The overall increase in pre-tax profits in the Northern Hemisphere was largely due to the excellent performances of the Malting and Agricultural Divisions in the United Kingdom and the trading operations in the United States and Canada.

The tax charge for the year of £5 million is abnormally high, representing a tax charge of over 70 per cent. of pre-tax profits. This is due to there being no relief for Australian losses of £3.6 million although these losses will be available for offset against future profits of the Australian operation. Owing to the availability of stock relief and accelerated depreciation allowances, the only tax currently payable by the Group will be £940,000 overseas and UK corporation tax and £1,152,000 advance corporation tax due in respect of the dividend.

The financial strength of the Group has been maintained. Short-term borrowings have reduced during the year and the Board is satisfied that the Group has access to adequate facilities to meet the requirements of its existing businesses.

4th September 1975

	1975 £000's	1974 £000's
PROFITS BEFORE TAX		
Australia	(3,622)	5,923
New Zealand	912	5,528
United Kingdom	6,472	4,106
Canada	1,468	2,779
USA	1,421	683
Central Income less Expenses	119	133
Group Profits before Tax	6,770	19,152
Estimated Taxation	5,263	8,983
Group Profits after Tax	1,507	10,169
Minority Interests	197	1,173
Group Profit after Tax Attributable to the Members of Dalgety Limited	1,310	8,996
Extraordinary Items	1,934	727
Group Profits available for Appropriation	3,244	9,723
Earnings per share (Before extraordinary items)		
Basic	4.4 pence	38.4 pence
Fully Diluted	4.8 pence	36.3 pence

FINAL DIVIDEND – 3.7995p per share recommended making a total of 8.1295p for the year (gross equivalent 12.507p – 1973/74 11.37p). Maximum permitted increase under present Government regulations. Cost of dividends for the year is £2,144,000.

NOTES:

1. Overseas profits have been converted into sterling at the rates ruling on 30th June in each year.

2. Turnover for 1974/75 was £624 million (1973/74 —£470 million).

3. The following items were material in relation to the Group result:—

(a) additional 3 months profits from USA and Canada due to change in year-end amounted to £976,000.

(b) net losses (after charging interest costs of financing acquisitions) amounted to £657,000, of newly acquired subsidiaries – Crosfields & Calthrop Limited and Spiegl Foods Inc.

(c) reduction in livestock values in Australia resulted in a decrease in profits of £803,000.

4. The final dividend will be paid on 10th November 1975 to shareholders on the register on 6th October 1975 Annual General Meeting 6th November 1975.

ANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

ues & Loans

ns of York er tender

Waterworks Company is £2.5m through a 9 per der issue of redeemable ice stock dated 1980. nimum tender price is cent which is the same he Bristol issue of last The average price paid Bristol issue was slightly per cent, and the mar- been a little firmer en. But there is none little incentive to bid ove the minimum price. to the issue are Sey- ierce.

Pemex Euroloan

Mexican state oil com- emex, is planning to medium-term Eurocur- an of around $300m The loan, which would Mexico's Euromarket ns so far this year to $1,500m carries a 5- turity and a margin of rs over London Euro- ates.

o has only just com- arrangements for loan of $150m. Man- the loan include Bank ica, Morgan Guaranty, Manhattan and Citicorp ional.

RAISE $50m

Holdings has completed ents to raise Aus$50m 34m) from a consortium alian banks led by the New South Wales. The be drawn down as re- d will supplement private t of US$85m 10.75 per s due 1992.

O RAISE $30m

to issue US$30m (about f convertible bonds in in, November have been d, by Asahi Chemical In- Japan.

nk Base Rates

ys Bank ..	10%
are & Co ..	*10%
s Bank	10%
nd Bank	10%
estminster ..	10%
y Trust	11½%
Century Bank	11½%
ms & Glyn's	10%

deposits on sums of 00 and under, 6½% n £25,000, 7% over 00, 7¼%.

CE OF REDEMPTION to the Holders of

Flintkote Company

entures Due October 1, 1980

HEREBY GIVEN that pur- provisions of Article Three ture dated as of October 1, n The Flintkote Company Trust Company, as Trustee, has selected by lot for re- n October 1, 1975 at the ount thereof plus interest he redemption date, $147,000 ount of the 4½% Deben- 980 bearing the following

Debentures of $1,000 Denomination

583	966	1335	1817	2254
106	968	1354	1835	2256
08	978	1441	1887	2292
09	988	1442	1993	2296
13	1012	1466	1994	2300
14	1015	1476	2011	2321
33	1068	1477	2020	2327
71	1082	1514	2065	2443
13	1084	1524	2068	2447
20	1094	1558	2077	2462
81	1101	1559	2085	2464
21	1128	1600	2121	2475
23	1137	1628	2142	2477
33	1148	1631	2145	2484
53	1190	1719	2160	2485
72	1237	1726	2180	2486
91	1248	1728	2184	
98	1251	1750	2185	
09	1308	1763	2188	
55	1310	1778	2218	
35	1312	1794	2223	

tered Debentures called tion in whole or in part

Denomination	Amount Drawn
$1,000	$1,000
2,000	1,000
1,000	1,000
4,000	1,000
3,000	1,000

on or after October 1, ntures, or portions there- ated for redemption will nd payable and will be ited States at the office of st Company, Corporate n, One Bankers Trust and Greenwich Streets, York, New York (mailing Box 2579, Church Street York, N. Y. 10008), or at the holder, in England at Montreal Trust Company, Aldermanbury Square, England, upon presenta- nder of said Debentures y all coupons appertain- turing subsequent to Oc- Coupons maturing October or thereto should be de- sented for payment in the Registered interest will be written order of the reg- s in the usual manner. lation of registered De- redeemed in part only, Sllen by the Trustee a or Debentures in the unt equal to the unre- thereof. Registered De- st be accompanied by truments of assignment in ayment to anyone other ered owner is requested. October 1, 1975, interest accrue on said Deben- ons thereof, designated

e Flintkote Company
ERS TRUST COMPANY, Trustee.
2, 1975.

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Commodities

Gains in metals except for tin

With the exception of tin, all metals gained by varying amounts on the London markets yesterday.

In copper, cash wire bars were £8.50 up and three months gained £9.25.

COPPER.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £586-87 a metric ton; three months, £608-09. Sales, 5,600 tons. Cash cathodes, £576-77; three months, £597-98. Sales, 1,350 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £585-85.50; three months, £607.50-08.00. Settlement, £585.50. Sales, 15,750 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £574-74.50; three months, £595-95.50. Settlement, £574.50. Sales, 1,025 tons.

SILVER.—There was a gain of 2.7p for cash, 3.4p for three months and 2.75p for seven months. At the fixing spot gained 2.9p.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 215.60p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 455.4); three months, 221.90p (463.9c); six months, 227.40p (477.3c); one-year, 243.50p (460.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 214.2-14.7p; three months, 221-21.2p; seven months, 231-31.5p. Sales, 76 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 218.8-16.2p; three months, 222.6-22.7p; seven months, 232.5-33.0p. Settlement, 216.2p. Sales, 38 lots.

TIN: Standard cash dropped £8.50 and three months was unchanged. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,168-70 a metric ton; three months, £3,230-32. Sales, 305 tons (about half carries). High-grade, cash, £3,168-70; three months, £3,230-32. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,180-82; three months, £3,238-39. Settlement, £3,182. Sales, 260 tons. High-grade, cash, £3,180-82; three months, £3,238-39. Settlement, £3,182. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M994.5 a picul.

LEAD: There was a gain of £2.75 for cash and £3 for three months. Afternoon.—Cash, £176-76.50 a metric ton; three months, £184-84.50. Sales, 925 tons. Morning.—Cash, £176.50-77.00; three months, £184-85. Settlement, £177. Sales, 1,025 tons.

ZINC: cash gained £3.50 and three months put on £3.25.—Afternoon.—Cash, £355.50-56.00 a metric ton; three months, £369.50-70.00. Sales, 2,200 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £357.50-58.00; three months, £371-71.50. Settlement, £358. Sales, 3,475 tons (mainly carries). Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was £1.80 up at £75.60 ($169.50) a troy ounce.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade: Sept-Oct, £195 a long ton. "D" grade: Sept-Oct, £188. Calcutta was steady.—Indian: Sept-Oct, Rs435 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee: Sept-Oct, Rs425.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 159.63p per kilo; Dec, 161.64p; March, 170.72p; May, 173.74p; July, 177.78p; Oct, 184.87p; Dec, 188.90p; March, 190.94p. Sales nil.

RUBBER was uncertain.—Oct, 35.20-35.50p per kilo; Nov, 35.10-35.75p; Oct-Dec, 35-35.30p; Jan-March, 35.30-35.35p; April-June, 36.25-36.50p; July-Sept, 37.50-37.55p; Oct-Dec, 38.65-38.75p; Jan-March, 39.50-39.55p; April-June, 40.05-40.50p. Sales: 77 lots at five tonnes: 348 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 34.50-36.50. Cifs, Oct, 31.95-31.40; Nov, 32-32.35.

COFFEE: Robustas prices closed £10 to £4 up on balance. Arabicas were quiet. ROBUSTAS, Sept, £718-20 per metric ton; Nov, £732-23; Jan, £727-28; March, £733-34; May, £737-39; July, £732-43; Sept, £748-51. Sales: 1,256 lots including 70 options. ARABICAS.—Oct, $88.20-89.00 per 50 kilos; Dec, $89.60-89.80; Feb, $90-90.50; April, $91-91.70; June, $92-92.80; Aug, $92.50-93.50; Oct, $93-94.50. Sales: 4 lots.

COCOA: The overall tone was barely steady. Prices closed £4 higher on balance to £1.50 lower.—Sept, £628-30.50 a metric ton; New Dec, £583-85; March, £564-65; May, £558.50-59.50; July, £557.50-59.00; Sept, £558-59; Dec, £557-59.50. Sales: 2,710 lots including four options. ICO prices: daily 53.54c; 15-day average, 51.95c; 22-day average 52.88c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR was firm. The London daily prices were: "raws" £178 (down £5); "whites" £195 (down £3). Oct, £179.50-80.00 per long ton; Dec, £175.50-76.00; March, £172-72.50; May, £168-69; Aug, £165.50-67; Oct, £161-62; Dec, £150-61. Sales: 2,701 lots. ISA prices: 15.95c; 17-day average 18.29c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Oct, £84.50-84.70 per metric ton; Dec, £85.60-85.80; Feb, £86.80-87.00; April, £87.60-87.80; June, £89-89.40; Aug, £89-90; Oct, £90.60-92.00. Sales, 70 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Moderate activity was reported in the barley market on a fob basis, but imported grains remained generally quiet.

WHEAT.—US Dark Northern Spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept, £101.20; Oct, £101.50 trans-shipment east coast; Nov, £100.65, direct Tilbury. EEC feed: Sept, £62.50; Oct, £63.50, east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Sept, £67.25; Oct, £57.50, east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Sept, £60; Oct, £62.75, east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

MARK LANE.—Price trends were steadier throughout most sections but the volume of business was moderate. London paid £61 per long ton for Sept deliveries of feed barley and £62.50 for Oct while Oct deliveries of denaturable wheat traded into East Anglia at £63 per long ton. The following are average sellers per long ton delivered London area: wheat—milling (haegberg), Sept, £65.50; Oct-Dec, £68.50. Denaturable Sept, £63; Oct-Dec, £62.25. Barley—feed Sept, £61.50; Oct-Dec, £64.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was generally steadier.—Sept, £60.70; Nov, £62.85; Jan, £64.70; March, £65.95; May, £67.70. WHEAT was irregular.—Sept, £61.30; Nov, £63.45; Jan, £65.15; March, £66.90; May, £68.80.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
South Lincoln	£61.30	£59.60	£59.20
Wiltshire	£64.55	£61.50	£61.45

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 29.5-32.5p per lb; English hindquarters heavy, 38.0-39.0p; Eire hindquarters, 39.0-40.0p; Eire forequarters, 20.0-22.0p. VEAL: English fats, 38.0-44.0p; English bobbies, 7.0-12.0p; Scotch bobbies, 6.0-10.0p. LAMB: English small, 26.0-32.0p; English medium, 27.0-30.0p; English heavy, 24.0-28.0p; Scotch medium, 26.0-28.0p; Scotch heavy, 24.0-28.0p; Scotch hill, 20.0-31.0p. Imported frozen: NZ D's, 29.0-30.0p; NZ 2's, 28.0-29.0p; NZ P's, 27.4-28.0p; NZ YLs, 26.5-27.0p. EWES: 10-11p. PORK: English, under 100 lb, 28.0-35.0p; English, 100-120 lb, 28.0-34.0p; English, 120-160 lb, 27.5-32.0p; English, 160-180 lb, 26.3-30.0p; English, 180 lb and over 24.0-26.5p.

MEAT COMMISSION average fatstock prices at representative markets on Sept 3.—UK.—Cattle, £18.52 per live cwt (+0.29). Sheep, 30.7p per lb EDCW (-0.5). Pigs, £4.58 per SCLW (+0.10). England and Wales.—Cattle numbers up 7.4 per cent, average price £18.81 (-0.07). Sheep numbers down 12.3 per cent, average price 31.0p (-0.9). Pig numbers down 0.4 per cent, average price £4.58 (+0.10). Scotland.—Cattle numbers down 13.4 per cent, average price £18.42 (+0.56). Sheep numbers down 35.1 per cent, average price 29.6p (+1.2). Pig numbers, nil.

SOMERSTON SHIPPING DEAL

Somerston Shipping has bought 395,000 "A" ordinary shares in Land and General Developments at 18p a share.

McALPINE'S NEW COMPANY

Sir Alfred McAlpine and Son is forming a new company, Sir Alfred McAlpine (International), responsible for the provision and support services for all the group's overseas activities.

Wall Street

New York, Sept 4.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange showed a small gain overall today although sharp gains in some steel industry issues helped the Dow Jones industrial average advance strongly.

The index gained 6.02 points to 838.84. However, advancing issues topped declines by only about 730 to 580. Volume totalled 12,810,000 shares compared with 12,260,900 yesterday.

Analysts said disappointing economic news helped to hold back the market generally. The New York state legislature delayed action on a plan to bail New York City out of its financial crisis. And the Government reported that United States business continued to trim plans for expansion in 1975.

In steel stocks, United States Steel jumped 2¾ to 68¾. Bethlehem was 39¾ ahead 1¾, and Republic Steel was 33¼ ahead ½. Several steel industry analysts were unable to suggest a positive reason for today's advance in steels.

Texaco was the most active issue on the Big Board slipping ¼ to 23¾. A block of 340,000 shares of the issue traded at 23¾.

Gold futures gain $1.8

New York, Sept 4.—GOLD. Futures closed $1.20 to $1.80 higher in moderate trading, slightly below the gains recorded at the opening this morning. The spot month gained $1.80 on the Comex to $152.40 and $1.50 on the IMM to $151.70. NY COMEX: Sept, $152.40; Oct, $152.90; Nov, $154.10; Dec, $155.20; Feb, $157.90; April, $160.50; June, $163.20; Aug, $165.90; Oct, $168.50; Dec, $171.20. CHICAGO IMM: Sept, $151.70 asked; Dec, $155.00-154.80; March, $159.00 asked-158.80; June, $163.10 asked; Sept, $167.60 bid; Dec, $172.20.

SILVER. Futures gained more than 6.00 cents before running out of support and settling for final gains of 2.20 to 1.30 cents. Sept, 450.00c; Oct, 452.00c; Nov, 456.00c; Dec, 460.00c; Jan, 464.30c; March, 473.00c; May, 481.50c; July, 489.40c; Sept, 497.30c; Dec, 509.40c; Jan, 513.60c. Handy and Harman $4.51 (previous $4.46).

COPPER. Futures closed steady between 120 and 170 points up on 2,459 lots. Sept, 56.70c; Oct, 57.00c; Nov, 57.60c; Dec, 58.20c; Jan, 58.80c; March, 60.10c; May, 61.30c; July, 62.50c; Sept, 63.70c.

SUGAR. World Sugar futures in No 11 contract turned easy on news that Colombia sold 25,200 tonnes of raw sugar to Arli International at the disappointing price of 16 cents for October shipment. Final prices were 0.25 to 0.60 cent lower. Oct, 15.45-45c; Jan, 15.10c nominal; March, 14.64-75c; May, 14.50c; July, 14.38c; Sept, 14.20-25c; Oct, 14.04-12c. Spot 15.00c up 10.

COTTON. Futures closed at the day's lows off 0.45 to 0.55 cent a pound. Oct, 51.75-00c; Dec, 52.40-12c; March, 53.15c; May, 53.55c; July, 54.05-00c; Oct, 54.30c bid; Dec, 54.65-65c.

COCOA. Futures fell 0.40 to 0.75 cent on solid selling pressure from the trade. Sept, 60.35c; Dec, 53.40c; March, 50.65c; May, 49.80c; July, 49.25c; Dec, 48.45c. Spots, Ghana unquoted, Bahia 60¼c.

COFFEE. Futures in "C" contract closed steady on 145 lots. Sept, 81.50c; Nov, 81.80c; Dec, 81.80-80c; March, 81.80-0.90c; May, 81.20-1.30c; July, 81.60-2.00c; Sept, 82.00-2.50c.

WOOL. Fine wool futures closed unchanged to 0.10 cent a lb higher on an estimated sale of one lot. Crossbred futures finished 0.10 cent a lb higher on an estimated volume of three lots. GREASE WOOL. Spot 154.5c nominal. Oct, 154.5-65.0c; Dec, 153.5-60.0c; March, 150.0-7.0c; May, 150.0-5.0c; July, 149.0-54.5c; Oct, 149.0-56.0c; Dec, 149.0-57.5c. CROSSBRED. Spot 83.5c nominal. Oct, 83.0-5.0c; Dec, 83.0-5.0c; March, 82.0-6.5c; May, 83.0-7.0c; July, 83.0-8.5c; Oct, 83.0-90.0c; Dec, 83.0-91.5c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil futures lost 0.06 to 0.25 cents while Meal added $2.60 to $4.50 per ton. SOYABEANS. Sept, 561c; Nov, 570-71c; Jan, 581-80c; March, 590c; May, 597-97½c; July, 600c; Aug, 605c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Sept, $139.50-140.00; Oct, $140.50-1.00; Dec, $145.50-146.00; Jan, $148.00; March, $150.00-0.50. SOYABEAN OIL.—Sept, 22.80-90c; Oct, 22.65-70c; Dec, 22.35-45c; Jan, 22.25-40c; March, 22.20c; May, 22.20c; July, 22.10-15c; Aug, 22.15c.

CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT closed firm four to two cents higher. Sept, 417c; Dec, 433-432c; March, 441½c; May, 441c; July, 420c. MAIZE closed steady three cents higher to one lower. Sept, 303½-302c; Dec, 296¾-298½c; March, 305-306c; May, 307½-308c; July, 305c. OATS closed steady four cents higher to ½ lower. Sept, 154½c; Dec, 158½-158c; March, 157½-158c; May, 155½c; July, 155c nominal.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.1085 ($2.1135); three months, $2.0696 ($2.0840). Canadian dollar, 97.05c (97.05c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up .84 to 314.51. The futures index was down 1.60 to 296.17.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 838.84 (832.82); transportation, 156.34 (157.00); utilities, 77.39 (78.44); 65 stocks, 250.63 (249.57). New York Stock Exchange index: 45.92 (45.79); industrials, 51.03 (50.92); transportation, 30.96 (30.06); utilities, 31.12 (31.05); financial 43.21.

	Sept 4	Sept 3		Sept 4	Sept 3		Sept 4	Sept 3
Allied Chem.	34½	34¼	Ford	38½	37⅞	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	37¼	37	G A F Corp.	10¼	10	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt.	3¼	3¼	Gamble Skogmo	22¼	21¼	Repub. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	9⅞	10	Gen. Dynam.	47	46⅞	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	46½	45¼	Gen. Electric	46¼	45¼	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	53¼	53	Gen Foods	23¾	24¼	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	19¼	18¼	Gen. Instr.	10¼	10¼	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	8	8¼	Gen. Mills	52¼	51¼	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	37¼	36¼	Gen Motors	50	49¼	St Regis	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	19¼	19¼	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	15¼	15	Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Can.	30¼	30¼	Gen. Tel El.	22⅞	22	SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyan.	24¼	24¼	Gen. Tire	16	15¼	Schlumber.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. El. Power	19¼	19	Genesco	4¼	4⅞	Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Home	33¼	33¼	Georgia Pac	45	44¼	Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Motors	5¼	5¼	Getty Oil	182¼	180¼	Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	31¼	31¼	Gillette	26½	26	Sears Roe.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Standard	14	13¼	Goodrich	17¼	16¼	Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel.	47⅞	47¼	Goodyear	19¼	19	Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf. Inc.	17¼	17¼	Gould Inc.	25¼	25¼	Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	17¼	17¼	Grace	26¼	26¼	Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	29¼	28¼	Grant W T	3¼	3¼	Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	14¼	14¼	Gt Atl & Pac.	12	12¼	Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	19¼	19¼	Greyhound	13¼	13¼	Southern Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	99¼	98¼	Grumman Cp.	15¼	15¼	Southern Rly.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	5⅞	5¼	Gulf Oil	21¼	21	Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Prod.	38¼	38¼	Gulf Wn. Ind.	20¼	20¼	Squibb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	21	21¼	Heinz, H. J.	47	47	Std. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	33¼	33¼	Hercules	31¼	30	Std. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Am.	40¼	40¼	Honeywell	30¼	30	Std. Oil Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of N.Y.	29¼	29	IC Inds.	13¼	13¼	Std. Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beat Fds.	19¼	19¼	Ingersoll	72¼	72¼	Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	18¼	18¼	Inland Steel	42¼	42¼	Stevens J.P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	40	40	I.B.M.	185	182¼	Stude Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beth Steel	39¼	37¼	Int Harv.	25¼	25	Sunbeam Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	25¼	26¼	Int Nickel	26¼	26¼	Sundstrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	23¼	23¼	Int. Paper	39	39¼	Sun Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	22¼	22¼	Int. Tel. Tel.	20	20¼	Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	16¼	17	Jewel Co	19¼	19	Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	61¼	60	Jim Walter	33¼	35¼	Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	11¼	11¼	Johns Manv.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Texas EastTrans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	7¼	7¼	Johnson & Johnsn	85¼	85	Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl Ind.	24¼	24¼	Kaiser Alum.	29	28¼	Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	30¼	30¼	Kennecott	33¼	33¼	Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	92¼	90¼	Kerr McGee	86	85¼	T W A	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	31¼	31¼	Kimb. Clk.	26¼	26¼	Travelers Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	14¼	14	Kraftco Cp.	38¼	38¼	T R W Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	67¼	66¼	Kresge S.S.	31¼	31	U A L Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	39¼	39¼	Kroger	31¼	30¼	Unilever Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	14¼	14¼	Ligg. Myer	35¼	35¼	Unilever N.V.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charter NY	21¼	21¼	L.T.V.	13¼	13¼	Uniroyal Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	30¼	31	Litton	7¼	7¼	Union Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	33¼	32	Lockheed	8¼	8¼	Union Carb.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	31	31¼	Lucky Stores	14¼	14¼	Un. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	10¼	11	Manuf Hanover	29¼	30¼	Un Pacific Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	30¼	30¼	Mapco	42¼	45¼	Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Serv.	42¼	42¼	Marathon Oil	47	46¼	United Brand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	26¼	26¼	Marcor Inc.	24¼	24¼	Utd Merch & Man	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	73	74¼	Marine Mid.	17¼	17¼	U S Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	26¼	26¼	Martin Mar.	16¼	16¼	U S Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.B.S.	44¼	44¼	McDonnell	15	14¼	Utd Technol.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	22¼	22¼	Mead	16¼	16¼	Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comb Eng	46¼	46¼	Merck	69¼	68¼	Warner Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coms Edison	19¼	19¼	Minn Min.	55¼	54¼	Warner Lambert	[illegible]	[illegible]
Con. Edison	12¼	12	Mobil Oil	42¼	42¼	Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	15¼	15¼	Monsanto	71¼	69¼	West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	17	16¼	Morgan, J. P.	55	55¼	Westghse, El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Can.	24¼	24¼	Motorola	47	46¼	Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Oil	65	64¼	NCR Corp	25¼	25¼	Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	16¼	17	NL Ind	13¼	14¼	White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	43¼	42¼	Nat. Biscuit	34¼	34¼	Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.P.C. Intnl.	42¼	42¼	Nat. Distill.	15¼	15¼	Xerox Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crane	47	45¼	Nat. Steel	37¼	37¼	Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	32¼	32¼	Norfolk West	63¼	[illegible]			
Crown Zeller	39¼	39¼	NW Bancorp	59¼	59¼			
Dart Ind.	32¼	32¼	Norton Simon	18¼	18¼			
Deere	43¼	42	Occ. Pet.	14¼	14¼			
Del Monte	24¼	24¼	Ogden	17¼	17¼			
Delta Air	33	33¼	Olin Corp.	25	25			
Detroit Edison	12¼	12¼	Otis Elev.	28¼	28¼			
Disney	43¼	44¼	Owens Ill.	44	44			
Dow Chem.	92¼	91¼	Pac. Gas El.	20¼	20¼			
Dresser Ind.	67¼	65¼	Pan. Am.	4	4¼			
Duke Power	15¼	15¼	Penn Cent.	1¼	1¼			
Du Pont	124¼	123	Penney J. C.	48¼	48¼			
Eastern Air	4¼	4¼	Pennzoil	20¼	21¼			
East. Kodak	92	92	Pepsico	58	57¼			
Eaton Corp.	27¼	27¼	Pet Corp.	24	23			
El Paso G.	11¼	11¼	Pfizer	26¼	26¼			
Equitable Life	17¼	18¼	Phelps Dod.	35¼	34¼			
Esmark	36	35¼	Philip Mor.	45¼	44¼			
Evans P. D.	5¼	5	Phill. Pet.	54¼	53¼			
Exxon Corp	86	85¼	Polaroid	34¼	35			
Fed. Dp. Strs.	48¼	47	P P G Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Firestone	19¼	19¼	Proc. Gamble	84¼	85¼			
Fst. Chicago	21¼	21¼	Pub Ser El & Gas	15¼	15¼			
Fst. Nt. Boston	22¼	22¼	Pullman	50¼	50¼			
Fst. PennCorp	16¼	16¼	Rapid American	5	5			

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]
Alg Steel	[illegible]
Asbestos	[illegible]
Bell Tel	[illegible]
Can Sup Oil	[illegible]
Can Inv. Fd.	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]
Cons Bat	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]
Hawker Can	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Min	[illegible]
Hud Bay Oil	[illegible]
I A C Ltd.	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]
Imp Oil	[illegible]
Int Pipe	[illegible]
Mass-Fergsn.	[illegible]
Power Cp	[illegible]
Price Bros	[illegible]
Royal Trust	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]
Tex Can	[illegible]
Trans Mnt. Oil	[illegible]
Walker H.	[illegible]
W.C.T.	[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign Exchange

The pound remained neglected on the foreign exchanges yesterday losing modest ground against the dollar. In terms of Continental currencies sterling made a little progress, though here too, trading was subdued.

The pound's effective devaluation against Britain's major trading worsened from 27.5 to 27.6 per cent. Against the dollar, sterling retreated a net 35 points, to close at $2.1095, after touching $2.1065.

Dealers reported some activity around the dollar which made headway at the expense of the principal continental currencies.

The lower French bank rate had been largely discounted so the French franc went along with the general trend, losing ground, to 4.4050, compared with 4.3915 overnight. German marks ended at 2.5825, against 2.5730 overnight, while Swiss francs eased to 2.6790 from 2.6720.

The dollar made headway against the Japanese yen, at 297.95, compared with 297.70 on Wednesday.

Gold rose a net $2.50 an ounce, to close in London at $153.00.

The price rose in active two-way trading on New York's strong opening and returning investor confidence following the IMF gold accord last weekend, dealers said.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 4	Market rates (close) September 4
New York	$2.1065-1130	$2.1090-1100
Montreal	$2.1710-1765	$2.1735-1745
Amsterdam	5.56-59fl	5.57-58fl
Brussels	81.00-50f	81.15-35f
Copenhagen	12.60-64k	12.60½-61½k
Frankfurt	5.43-46m	5.44½-45½m
Lisbon	55.90-56.35e	56.00-20e
Madrid	122.90-23.45p	123.15-35p
Milan	1412-16lr	1413-15lr
Oslo	11.62-67k	11.65½-66½k
Paris	9.27-30f	9.28½-29½f
Stockholm	9.20-24k	9.21½-22½k
Tokyo	625-35y	626-30y
Vienna	38.20-70sch	38.40-60sch
Zurich	5.64-67f	5.65-66f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, up 0.1 to 27.6 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.70-.60c prem	1.83-1.73c prem
Montreal	.40-.30c prem	1.05-.95c prem
Amsterdam	4-3c prem	10½-9½c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	95-75c prem
Copenhagen	8-5ore prem	17-14ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	10½-9½pf prem
Lisbon	25c prem-50c disc	40c prem-70c disc
Milan	1lr prem-2lr disc	1-4lr disc
Oslo	8-5ore prem	17-14ore prem
Paris	3-1c prem	8½-6½c prem
Stockholm	3-1ore prem	7½-5½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	11½-10½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9700-03.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¼-6¾; seven days, 6¼-6¾; one month, 6¾-7; three months, 7-7¼; six months, 7½-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $152.00 (an ounce); pm, $153.25.

Krugerrand (per coin): $156¼-158¼ (£74-75) (domestic); $156¼-158¼ (£74½-75½) (International).

Sovereigns (old), $46¼-47¼ (£22-22½); (new) $46¼-47¼ (£22-22½) (International).

Discount market

Fresh credit again proved more than enough for the discount market's needs, and the Bank of England yesterday intervened once more to drain away the surplus by selling a large amount of Treasury bills.

On the bank's official calculations, the scale of this operation was pitched pretty nearly to match the excess liquidity in the system, but a late firming of rates in the inter-bank market suggested that perhaps a little more than was necessary had been syphoned away.

At the outset, there were tentative soundings for rates in the 10 per cent area, but the houses held back until money was answering to quotes of 9 per cent. At the close rates were firming slightly to 8¾ or 9 (after 8½) while inter-bank rates moved up to 10.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Barnet 13½% 1980 (£100)	£31½
Do 14% 1984-86 (£100)	£31½
Bristol Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£10
Cambridge Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£99)	£99½
Derby 13½% 1982 (£98½b)	£100½-¼
Estates Rse Inv 25p Ord	293
Land Secs 10% Cnv (100h)	£60¼
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (55)	52
Liverpool 13½% 1981 (£99½g)	£10½
Mitchell Cotts 13% Cnv (£100)	£104
Newcastle Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£99)	£99½
Prop Hldg and Inv 9% Cnv (£109)	£95
Sunderland Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£99)	£25
Whitbread 11% Cnv	£100

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
B.P.B. Inds (68)	..	42½ prem-1
Bk Leumi Is (£1.25)	Oct 2	33
Brit Car Auctn (10)	Sept 26	30
Chubb (66)	Oct 3	90+1
Crellon (25)	Sept 26	30
Dixons Ord (27)	..	17 prem-1
Dixons A (27)	..	17 prem-1
Howard Mach (25)	Oct 3	43+3
Normand Elec (28)	Oct 3	3½ prem
Sangers (60)	..	16 prem+6
Woodhouse Rixson (12½)	Oct 3	11½ prem+2

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £43 paid. b £10 paid. e £65 paid. f £30 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11%
(Last changed 25/7/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 10 Close 9
Week Fixed: 10-10½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10½
3 months	10⅝	3 months	10½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10½-10⅜	3 months	11
3 months	10⅝-10⅜	4 months	11¼
4 months	10⅝-10¾	6 months	11½
6 months	10¾-10⅝		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10½	7 months	11¼-10¾
2 months	11-10½	8 months	11¼-11
3 months	11-10½	9 months	11¼-11
4 months	11¼-10¾	10 months	11½-11
5 months	11¼-10¾	11 months	11½-11
6 months	11¼-10¾	12 months	11¾-11¼

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates%

1 month	10¼-10⅛	6 months	10⅝-10½
3 months	10½-10⅜	12 months	10⅞-10¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9⅞-10	3 months	10⅝
7 days	10-10⅛	6 months	10¾
1 month	10⅝	1 year	11¼-11⅛

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 10-9¾ Close 9¾

1 week	10¼-9⅞	6 months	10⅝-10½
1 month	10⅛-10	9 months	10⅞-10¾
3 months	10⅝-10½	12 months	10⅞-10¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months	11	6 months	11¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10½ 1981	102¼	103¼
Airlease 8½ 1988	79	82
Ashland 8 1987	89¼	90¼
BICC 7½ 1987	67	71
Bristol 8½ 1979	91	93
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	70	82
Burlington 7½ 1987	88¼	89¼
Carrier 8 1987	88¼	89½
Chevron 7 1980	96¼	96¼
Conoco 7 1980	97	98¼
Conoco 8 1986	95¼	96¼
Cons Food 7½ 1991	83¼	84¼
Coventry 8½ 1981	90¼	92¼
Coventry 8½ 1980	88¼	90¼
Curacao Tokyo 8½ 1988	88¼	89¼
Curacao Tokyo 10½ 1981	101¼	102¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	90	91
Dana 8 1987	80¼	81¼
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	81	82
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	79	80
Dundee 9¼ 1983	91¼	93¼
Escom 9¼ 1980	89¼	90¼
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97¼	98¼
First Chicago 7 1980	93¼	94¼
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	84	86
GATX 8¼ 1987	89	90
Guardian Royal 8 1987	71	73
Hambros 7¾ 1987	77	80
ICI 7¼ 1992	79	82
International Util 8¼ 1982	91¼	93¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	69	72
Manchester 8¼ 1981	86	88
Mexico 8¾ 1981	81	83
Michelin 7¾ 1988	84	86
Mitsubishi 9 1989	96	98
Motorola 8 1987	92¼	93¼
	Bid	**Offer**
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	75	78
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	79	82
Nippon Fudosan 10¾ 1980	102¼	103¼
NA Rockwell 8½ 1987	89	90
Occidental 7¾ 1984	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	87¼	89¼
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100¼	101¼
Pennwall 8 1987	90	91
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	91	92
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	84¼	85¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	96	98
Shell 7½ 1987	92	93
Singer 7½ 1977	101¼	..
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103	104
Slough 8 1988	81	85
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	100¼	101¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97¼	98¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98¼	99¼
Sybron 8 1987	89	90
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	83	86
Textron 7¾ 1987	83	84
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	91	92
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	95¼	96¼
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	91	92
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	94¼	95¼
Volvo 8 1987	84¼	85¼
Wm. Glyns 8¼ 1987	79	81

DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
APEL (DM) 10 1981	104¼	105¼
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	79¼	80¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	84¼	85¼
Denmark (DM) 6½ 1989	100¼	101¼
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	71¼	72¼
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	89¼	90¼
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	93	94
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	104¼	105¼
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	91¼	92¼
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	92¼	93
Sudafrica (DM) 8¼ 1970/85	93¼	93¼
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	91	92

$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	61	63
American Express 4¼ 1987	81	83
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	88	90
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	99	101
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1993	90	92
Borden 5 1992	83	85
Borden 6¾ 1991	99	101
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	72	74
Carnation 4 1987	83	85
Chevron 5 1992	94	96
Cummins 6¼ 1986	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987	80	82
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	108	110
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	73	75
Eaton 5 1987	71	73
Ford 5 1988	71	73
Ford 6 1986	83	85
Gillette 4¾ 1987	72	74
Gould 5 1987	79	81
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85	87
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	121	123
Harris 5 1987	63	65
Honeywell 6 1986	69	71
ITT 4½ 1987	68	70
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	140	142
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	108	110
Nabisco 5½ 1988	87	89
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	89	91
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	73	75
Revlon 4¾ 1987	100	102
Rank Org 4½ 1993	37	39
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	93	95
Squibb 4¾ 1987	76	78
Texaco 4¾ 1988	72	74
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	108	110
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	86	88
Xerox Corp 5 1988	70	72

DM = Deutschmark issue.

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

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Deborah Services	96	—	7.5	7.8	5.1
Henry Sykes	121	—1	4.9	4.1	8.1
Twinlock Ord	26	—	0.9	3.6	6.4
Twinlock 12% ULS	63	—	12.0	19.0	—
Unilock Holdings	56	—	4.5	8.0	10.8

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Authorised Unit Trusts

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
32.6	20.6	Giants	28.5	30.3	4.00
35.0	21.7	Do Accum	30.8	32.7	4.00
30.8	18.2	Growth	25.8	27.4	4.50
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	27.9	29.7	4.50
30.7	20.7	Income	26.7	28.8	8.20
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	30.7	32.9	8.20
22.8	15.6	East & Int Acc	17.9	18.8	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	20.2	21.5	4.32
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	31.3	33.3	4.21
24.2	11.0	Do Income	22.5	24.0	8.97
25.9	13.4	Do Invest	24.3	25.8	3.95
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd. 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	37.1	Allen Trust	52.6	56.6	3.37
48.1	24.3	Do Income	42.5	45.7	6.21
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
32.4	20.1	Allied Capital	49.2	52.6	5.70
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Insurance & Bonds and Funds

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Offshore and International Funds

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* Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. ¶ Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Sub-divided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (6) Sept 17. (9) Sept 18. (10) Sept 31. (14) Oct 1. (15) Sept 10. (16) Sept 26. (18) Sept 16. (19) Sept 18. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 15th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb May Aug Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

Stock Exchange prices

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	Index No.	Div. Yield	Earn. Yield
			Tax
The Times Industrial Share Index	148.31	7.84	13.70
Ledgers Cons.	139.05	6.13	15.05
Mealby Cons.	134.61	7.00	15.96
Capital Goods	153.34	7.39	13.53
Consumer Goods	138.44	8.05	11.90
Store Shares	127.35	7.68	11.31
Largest financial and industrial shares	159.80	5.85	—
Large financial and industrial shares	148.61	6.51	—
Commodity shares	128.79	6.15	12.88
Gold Mining shares	95.99	2.73	8.91
Industrial debenture stocks	15.91	7.80	—
Industrial Debenture stocks	10.71	11.07	—

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below —

	High	Low
1974	160.47	113.70
1975	148.31	96.24
1974	138.78	124.67
1973	180.44	112.81
1972	198.47	155.88
1971	174.51	141.17
1970	154.54	114.01

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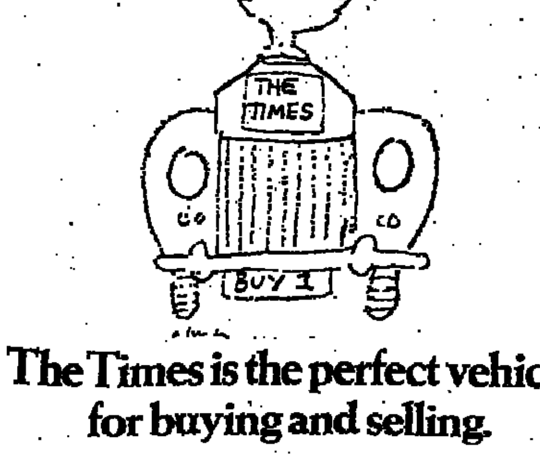
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...imes. 5.20, Wait Till ... Gets Home. 5.50, ...ummer Reports. 6.25, ...55, ATV. 7.00, Lon... ...o Do You Do? 8.30, ...00, Police Story. ... 10.30, A House in ... 11.00-12.25 am, ...e Cat, with Andre ...t Shelley.*

BBC 2

7.05 am, Open University: Urban Education: New Directions. 7.30-7.55, Air Pollution Dispersion. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 4.00 pm, Show Jumping from Hickstead. 5.00, Open University: Open Forum. 5.25, The Jet Engine. 5.50, Maths. 6.15, Physiological Adaptation. 6.40, Ethology.

7.30 Newsday.
7.50 Living on the Land. Self sufficiency at Fachongle Isaf.
8.15 Five Minutes to Midnight, a personal report by Alan Hart.
10.15 The Carnforth Practice, with Michael Elwyn.
11.05 News.
11.20-11.25, William Lucas reads Come, Sweetheart, Come, translated by Helen Waddell.

ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 8.00, Film, The Trouble with Angels, with Rosalind Russell, Binnie Barnes, Hayley Mills, June Harding. 10.00, News. 10.30, Extra Time. 11.00-12.00, Night Gallery.

HTV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.18, Report Wales. 6.35, General Hospital. 7.35, Film: The Magnificent Showman, with John Wayne, Rita Hayworth, Claudia Cardinale. 10.00, News. 10.30, Free Time. 11.00, The Collaborators. 11.55, Weather.

HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 1.20-1.25, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 1.25-1.30, Report Wales Headlines. 4.20-4.50, Cantamil. 6.01-6.18, Y Dydd. 10.30-11.00, Outlook. HTV WEST. As HTV except: 1.20-1.30, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Grampian

12.35 pm, Lunchtime Call. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Fantastic Voyage. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Highway One. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30, Viewfinder. 11.00, Wagon Train 12.15 am, Prayers.

Border

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Superman. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.00, Film, The Stalking Moon, with Gregory Peck, Eva Marie Saint. 10.00, News. 10.30, The Last Challenge. 11.00, Police Story. 11.55, Border News Summary.

Yorkshire

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Hogan's Heroes. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.25, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.00, Film, The Stalking Moon, with Gregory Peck, Eva Marie Saint. 10.00, News. 10.30, The Avengers. 11.25-11.55, ATV.

Thames

9.50 am, Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind.* 10.05, Wildlife Theatre. 10.30, Film: Pray for the Wildcats, with Andy Griffith, William Shatner. 12.00, Bush Boy. 12.30 pm, Larry the Lamb. 12.40, Hickory House. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Tiday. 1.30, Andy Stewart Show. 2.00, This Week. 2.30, Water Skiing: World Championships. 4.20, Robert's Robots. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Flintstones.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
* Black and white.

London Weekend

7.00 General Hospital.
8.00 Film: The Virgin and the Gypsy, with Joanna Shrimkus, Maurice Denham, Franco Nero.
9.45 Police Five.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Big Season.
10.40 Russell Harty with Lana Turner.
11.30 Police Woman.
12.20 am Faith and Superstition.

Anglia

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Byegones. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30, Videosport '75. 11.00, Police Woman. 11.55, Man Who Matter.

Granada

9.30 am, Sesame Street. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.35, Galloping Gourmet. 11.00, Trades Union Congress. 12.10 pm, Clapperboard. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Chuckleheads.* 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, General Hospital. 7.35, Film, The Molly Maguires, with Richard Harris, Sean Connery, Samantha Eggar. 10.00, News. 10.30, Kick Off. 11.05, Oscar Peterson Presents. 11.35-1.05 am, Film, Andrew Ray and Kenneth More in The Yellow Balloon.*

Southern

11.00 am, Gilbert and Sullivan, Pirates of Penzance. 11.45, Merrie Melodies. 12.00, Swings and Roundabouts. 12.30 pm, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Weekend. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. Scene South East. 6.30, Out of Town. 7.00, London. 8.00, Film, The Stalking Moon, with Gregory Peck, Eva Marie Saint. 10.00, News. 10.30, The Collaborators. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Firehouse. 12.05 am, It All Goes to Show, with Arthur Lowe. 12.35, Weather. Guideline.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Colin Berry.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Rosko's Round Table. 7.02, Just for Fun. 7.32, Ronnie Aldrich.† 8.32, Music Night.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.07, Lee Jackson.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Len Jackson.† 12.31, News Summary.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Glinka, Bizet, Gershwin, Liszt.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Mozart, Haydn, Schubert.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Hindemith.† 9.45, Recital: Purcell, Constant Lambert, John Gardner.† 11.00, Edinburgh Festival, piano recital: Part 1, Mozart, Brahms. 11.40, Festival Comment. 11.55, Recital: part 2: Busoni, Stravinsky. 12.45, John Williams. (Classical Guitar). 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill. 1.20, Concert from South German Radio: Lutoslawski, Beethoven, Prokofiev.† 2.50, Jessye Norman, recital: Part 1, Mozart, Purcell, Mahler.† 3.20, Words, Margaret Drabble. 3.25, Recital: Part 2, Satie, Wolf.† 4.00, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra: Rimsky-Korsakov, Mendelssohn, Debussy.† 5.15, Bach. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Music and the Spirit. 7.00, The ABC of Education. 7.30, Proms: Part 1: Ravel, Bizet.

John McCabe.† 8.35, Hegel and the Modern World. 8.55, Prom: Part 2. Saint-Saens.† 9.45, Music Now. 10.30, The Innocent Bar.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, The High Window. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People: 021-432 5432. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, With Great Pleasure, Johnny Morris. 11.50, A Choice of Letters. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads?: Birthday Boy. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Slightly Displaced Persons. 4.00, News. 4.05, Johnny's Jaunt. 4.35, Story Time: James the Second's Queen. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Brain of Britain meets Just a Minute. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Pick of the Week. 8.30, Galbraith and the King of the Diamonds: The £7,000,000 Touch. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope at Edinburgh Festival. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Lion's Paw. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Peter Jones Sketch Book. 11.40, News. 12.01-12.04 am, Inshore forecast.

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GRANT.—On 2nd September, to Anna Margaret and Gordon, a son (Mark).
LAWSON.—On September 1st, at Westminster Hospital, to Anne and Barry—a daughter (Amy Elizabeth).
PARRY.—On September 3rd, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Helen (nee Miller) and Hugh—a son (Julian Hugh Pryce).
WHEELER.—On Sept. 3rd to Pippa (nee Lampen) wife of Dr. Julian Wheeler—a son.
WHITE.—On September 2nd, at Durban, to Christa (nee Mentz) and Michael—a daughter (Nicola Jane Parkyns).
WILSON.—On September 4th, in Hongkong, to Martine and James Filmer Wilson—a son.

MARRIAGES

COOMBS : DOWNIE.—On August 27th, on the island of Ensay, Harris, Carey David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coombs, of Caversham, Reading, to Penelope Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Downie, of Strond, Isle of Harris.
HITCHCOCK : WILLIAMS.—On 3rd September, 1975, in Exeter, Devon, Dr Richard Hitchcock of Exeter, to Margaret Helen Williams, of Albany, Oregon U.S.A.
MULCOCK : THOMAS.—On August 30th at St. James's Church, Blackheath, Terence John Mulcock, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Albert Mulcock, to Barbara Jill Thomas, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas.

DEATHS

AYLEN.—On 2 Sept., 1975, peacefully at Dulwich Hospital, Elisabeth Margaret Anna, aged 74 years, widow of Bishop Charles Aylen, and much loved mother of Leo Walter and Margaret (Coombs), beloved sister of Katharine Ouroussoff, dearly loved grandmother. Requiem and funeral at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 8, at SS Peter and Paul, Shiplake, Oxon. Flowers to church, or if preferred, gifts to Z.S.A.
BAGWELL.—On 3rd September, 1975, Mary Ethel (nee Kingan), of The Flat, Milbrook Strassan, County Kildare, in her 93rd year, widow of Lt.-Col. John Bagwell M.V.O., M.C. Funeral private. Memorial service at Strassan Church on Saturday, 6th September, at 12 o'clock.
BALL.—On September 3rd, Hugh Christopher, aged 21 years, youngest son of Nesta and the late Stanley Ball, of Yarmouth, I.o.W. Funeral at the Parish Church of St. James, Yarmouth, on Wednesday, September 10th, at 3p.m.
BEST.—On 1st September, suddenly, at Swinbrook, Oxfordshire, Reginald Alec, of 10 Gerald Road, S.W.1. Cremation has taken place.
BICKFORD-SMITH.—On September 3rd, 1975, peacefully at home in Crondall, William N. V. Bickford-Smith, M.C., aged 83. Kind husband for 50 years of Evelyn, and caring father of Leslie and Celia. Cremation private and no flowers, rather in lieu, donations to Crondall Boys Club Rebuilding Fund, c/o Treasurer, Mr. G. S. Dunkley, Crondall, Farnham, Surrey.
BRUFORD. — On September 3rd, 1975, peacefully in Sevenoaks Hospital, John William Bruford aged 72 yrs., beloved husband of Betty, father of Jane, Jeff, and Bill. Funeral service, 2 p.m. on Monday, September 8th, at St. Mary's Church, Kippington, Sevenoaks, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only to W. Hodges and Co., Sevenoaks 54457. Donations if desired to Sevenoaks hospital.
DAWSON.—On September 3rd, peacefully in hospital, Dorothy Louise Dawson, of 3 Melbury Grange, Mavelstone Road, Bickley, Kent. Dear wife of Stanley and much loved mother of Jean. Funeral private. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Help the Aged.
HAMPDEN.—On 4th September, at Glynde, David Francis, 5th Viscount Hampden, beloved husband of Imogen. Private funeral service, on Tuesday, to be followed by service at Glynde, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, 9th September.
HICKMAN.—On September 4th, Geoffrey Victor Hickman, D.S.C., Commander R.N., aged 85 years, peacefully at his home, South View, Leigh, nr. Tonbridge, Kent. Also of Cromwell Court, Hove, Sussex. Beloved husband of Gwen and father of Hugh and Rosemary. Funeral private, no letters please.
JOSEPH.—On September 2nd, suddenly at his home, "Redcot", Birchwood Park Avenue, Swanley, Edwin George Joseph, M.C., M.A., B.S.C., husband of Muriel, past president of London Athletic Club, aged 88 years. Funeral service at Greatness Park Cemetery, Sevenoaks, on Tuesday, 9th September, at 3 p.m. Inquiries to W. Hodges & Co., Swanley 63078.
KNIGHT.—On 3rd September, 1975, suddenly at his home, at Monks Gate, Horsham, Joseph William Topping, aged 81 years, dearly loved husband of Marie Louise Knight. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Nuthurst, on Tuesday, 9th September, at 11 a.m followed by cremation. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to the Royal Masonic Hospital.
LOWRY.—On Thursday, September 4th, 1975, peacefully at his home, Glasdrummen House, Annalong, Co. Down, after a long illness most patiently borne, Commander Robert Graham Lowry, R.N., D.L., J.P., beloved husband, father and grandfather, only son of the late Admiral Sir Robert and Lady Lowry. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Combat Cancer, c/o Mrs N. Gordon, Annalong, Co. Down.
NEALE, SIR JOHN ERNEST.—On September 2, aged 84, peacefully at his home, Adare, Penn Road, Beaconsfield. Formerly Astor Professor of English History, University of London. Fellow of the British Academy. Dearly loved husband of Elfreda and dear father of Stella. Funeral on Wednesday, September 10 at Little Missenden: family only. Flowers may be sent to Grimstead, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, on September 9.
OSTRER.—On 3rd September, 1975, peacefully at his home in Sunningdale, Berks., Isidore. Author and poet. Cremation at Woking (St. John's) Crematorium, on Tuesday, 9th September, at 2.30 p.m. Floral tributes and all enquiries to F. Harrison & Son, 40 Harvest Rd., Englefield Green, Egham 2163. Memorial service to be announced later.
PILDITCH.—On Thursday, September 4th, 1975, peacefully, in Winchester, after years of disability lived with faith and courage, Sir Denys Pilditch, C.I.E., of Bredfield Place, Woodbridge, Suffolk, dearly loved by all his family. Funeral private, no flowers, but, if desired, donations both in his memory and of Joyce his wife, to W. R. Towns, Esq., Church Cottage, Bredfield, for the restoration of the pulpit in Bredfield Church. All inquiries to Mrs. Stoddart, Goodworth House, St. Cross, Winchester.
RYAN.—On September 3, in London, peacefully in her 93rd year, Ruth Marguerite, wife of the late Sir Andrew Ryan. She was greatly loved by her sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. Funeral at East Bergholt Parish Church, on Wednesday, September 10, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to the Church or to Messrs. J. H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W.8.
SLOMAN.—On September 3rd, 1975, Hedley Archibald Sloman, O.B.E., of 17 Manewas Way, Newquay, Cornwall, formerly of Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, beloved husband of the late Nora (Fay), dearly loved uncle of Pamela Cowling. Funeral service at Penmount Crematorium, Truro, Cornwall, on Monday, September 8th, at 3 p.m.
SOUTHGATE.—On September 3rd, in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Bernard Alfred Southgate, C.B.E., D.S.C., PhD., F.R.I.C., B.A. (Cambs.), aged 71 years, of Langham House, Langham, Holt, Norfolk, late director of W.P.R.L., Stevenage, dearly loved husband of Hope, father of Richard and grandfather of Christopher, Melanie and Nicholas. Funeral service will take place at the Church of St. Andrew, Langham, on Tuesday, September 9th, 2.30 p.m. Flowers to the church, please.
STEPHENSON.—On September 4th, 1975, peacefully in her sleep, Gerda Stephenson (nee Lund), dearly loved wife of Stewart and mother of Thelma and John. Funeral at St. Margaret's Church, Warnham, on Monday, September 8th, at 12 noon. Flowers please to Freeman Brothers, Horsham.
WAKEFORD.—On 4th September, 1975, at Milkwell Cottage, Donhead St. Andrew, Shaftesbury, Dorset, Helen, beloved wife of Geoffrey Wakeford, Headmistress of Lady Eden's School, 1966-1975. Funeral on Tuesday, 9th September, at the Church of All Saints, Wardour, Tisbury, Wilts., at 10 o'clock. Flowers to G. E. Johnson, High Street, Shaftesbury. A memorial service will be held in London on a date to be announced.
YARNELL.—On September 1st, Arthur Leslie (Jerry), darling husband of Kathleen (Kay) and beloved father of Timothy and Jeremy, of The Lodge, Chilbolton Avenue, Winchester. Funeral service at St. Matthew's Church, Weeke, Monday, September 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Cremation private.
zur NEDDEN. — On September 2nd, 1975, peacefully at home, Stapeley Grange, Nantwich, Cheshire, York zur Nedden, dearly loved husband of Cynthia and father of Lavinia de Kergorlay. Funeral service and interment Wybunbury Church, near Nantwich, on Monday, September 8th, at 2.30. J. Hanson, Funeral Director, Nantwich.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HALL-PATCH.—A memorial Requiem Mass for Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, who died on 1st June, 1975, will be held in Brompton Oratory, on 17th September, 1975, at 11 a.m.
HEPWORTH.—A memorial service for Dame Barbara Hepworth, D.B.E., will be held at St. Paul's, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday, October 7th, at noon.

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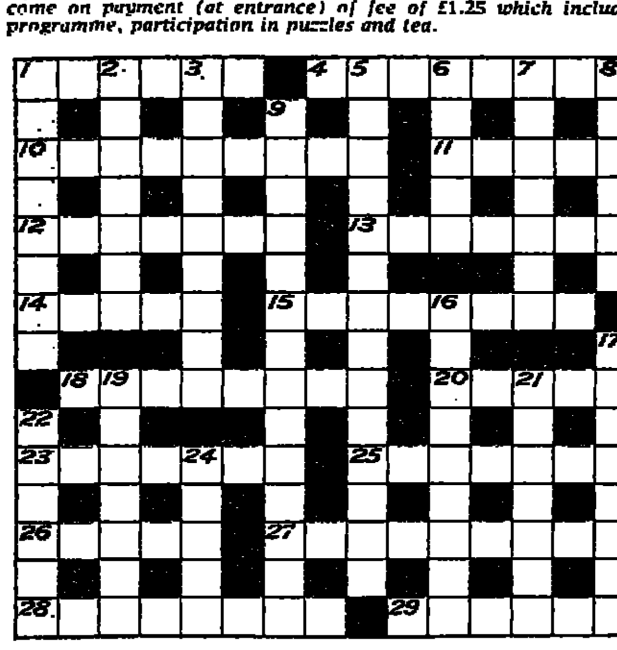
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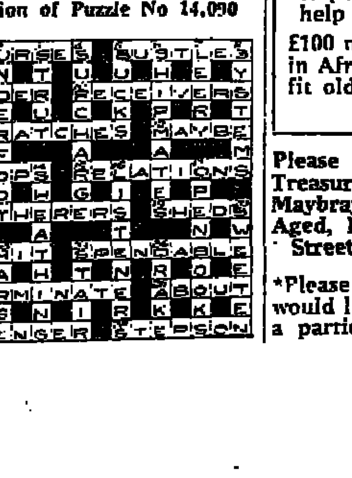
ACROSS

1 One was illustriously anonymous in Baker Street (6).
4 Dragged one's feet prior to laying off the hands (8).
10 Knowing no yesterday and no to-morrow (9).
11 Does this circle indulge in spelling-bees? (5).
12 Southern Spain or northern Asia (7).
13 Lord's on the rocks? (7).
14 Classical story (5).
15 Worshipful board is fuddled in drink (8).
18 Move from Pluto's house (8).
20 No match for this form of crime prevention? (5).
23 Somewhat revolutionary appearance of Mars (7).
25 Heavens! It's Greek (7).
26 Fights in the theatre (5).
27 They are no doubt laid out in the garden (3-6).
28 Upset by bread that did not rise (8).
29 Here formation dances go on upstairs (6).

DOWN

1 A moving masterpiece? (8).
2 What monks do to monasteries, each appearing thus (7).
3 Reverse this order for the count-down (9).
5 Value of Phi in Macedonia once (4-1-9).
6 Bone as evidence in the knife murders (5).
7 Shot at the wicket? Must be a joke! (3-4).
8 Length of six ties joined together (6).
9 Pub lunch for weary plodder at Stoke Poges (5, 3, 6).
16 "To sport with —— in the shade" (Milton) (9).
17 Girl was wrapped in meditation—not to be diverted (8).
19 Really embracing the unknown like some encyclopedias (7).
21 Knowledge is moral sense without study (7).
22 Soft garments made to go around Venus? (6).
24 Susie makes these children wild (5).

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